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ALFORD—December 29, 1924, at 35 Ashdale road, Terenure, to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Alford, a daughter.

ELVERY—December 6, 1924, at Karachi, India, to Major and Mrs. Philip Elvery, a daughter.

HOGAN—December 27, 1924, at the Engineers House, Curragh Camp, to Colonel and Mrs. Michael Hogan, a daughter.

KELLY—December 24, 1924, at Porte, Ruan, County Clare, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mathew Kelly, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

BYRNE and NOLAN—On Monday, December 22, 1924, at Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar, by Rev. Canon Mernagh, P.P., Ballyoughter (cousin of bride), assisted by Rev. T. Hill; Rev. J. O'Nolan, P.P.; Rev. T. P. Kelly, S.J. (cousin of bride); Rev. J. Lawler, P.P.; and Rev. J. Whittaker, S.J.—William M., second son of the late Terence Byrne, of this city, to May, daughter of the late John Nolan, Fairfield House, Rathgar (formerly Rathanna, County Carlow).

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 4.

CASWELL—At his residence, 22 South Square, Inchicore, William A., second son of the late David Caswell. "Peace, perfect peace." Funeral arrangements later.

CLEARY—January 1, 1925, at his residence, 15 North terrace, Inchicore, Patrick Cleary, at an advanced age. R.I.P. Funeral to Glasnevin to-morrow (Saturday) morning, after Solemn Requiem Mass, 9 o'clock, from Church of Mary Immaculate.

FRASER—December 31, 1924, at Davos, following operation for appendicitis, Captain A. C. C. Fraser, darling son of Dr. and Mrs. Fraser, Lavagh, Drumkeerin.

FULLWOOD—December 29, 1924, after a short illness, at Headford, County Galway, Jane Ida, daughter of the late William and Abigail Fullwood, of Cork. Deeply regretted.

GRIFFIN—January 1, 1925, Alice, widow of the late John Griffin, 12 Warrington place. Funeral private. No flowers.

HARGREAVES—December 26, 1924, in Egypt, from fever, Patrick S., dearly-loved husband of Jean C. Hargreaves.

McCORD—December 30, 1924, at 6 Josephine avenue, Leo street, N.C. road, Mrs. Mary Frances McCord passed away. "I know that my Redeemer liveth," Job. xix, 25. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord." 2nd Cor. ii, 8. Funeral to St. George's Burial Ground to-day (Friday), 2nd January, leaving above address at 9.30 a.m.

McDOWELL—January 1, 1925, in Dublin, Christina Margaret, darling little daughter of William H. and Margaret McDowell, Carrig Brae, Bray, aged 6 years. "Suffer the little children to come unto Me." Funeral private.

MURPHY—January 1, 1925, at his residence, 9 Upper Pembroke street, John Murphy, to the inexpressible grief of his wife, daughters, sons-in-law, and a large circle of friends. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday). English papers please copy.

PIM—December 31, 1924, at Alma, Monkstown, Jane, youngest daughter of the late James Pim, in her 85th year. "Absent from the body, at Home with the Lord." Funeral private.

SHAW—December 31, 1924, at 10 Eaton square, Terenure, Dublin (late of Rath Lodge, Abbeyshrule, County Longford, and National Bank, Ballymahon), Albert, youngest son of the late Godfrey Shaw. Funeral arrives Forgeny Church at 12.30 to-morrow (Saturday).

SMYTH—January 1, 1925, at Ballynegall, Mullingar, Constance Gwendoline, youngest daughter of Major and Mrs. Hawkesworth Smyth, aged 14. Funeral private.

STOYTE—December 31, 1924, at his residence, Glendoneen, Ballinhassig, Lieutenant-Colonel John Stoyte, late 59th Regiment, in his 80th year. Funeral private.

IN MEMORIAM.

CHARTERS—In sad and loving memory of darling Maian, who fell asleep at her residence, 44 South Circular road, January 2nd, 1924. Sadly missed by her loving sisters and brother. "Peace, perfect peace."
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LOST, Irish Terrier Bitch, Sunday last, red coat. Reward, Duncan, 91 Church road, North Strand.

LEFT in third class railway carriage on Wednesday, 6.15 p.m. train from Westland row, Parcel containing Lady's Jumper, three Pairs of Silk Stockings. Finder please communicate with "Z 302, Jumper," this office.

LOST in the vicinity of Stephen's Green and Grafton street, Gold Whistle Watch, on New Year's Eve. Reward, Black, 33 Stephen's Green.

LOST, Tuesday evening, between 13 Clyde road and Lower Mount street, Gold Chain Bracelet. Reward.

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SITUATIONS VACANT.

ASSISTANT Home Mistress Wanted, May, College House; Ladies' Home; under 40; knowledge, nursing, accounts, housekeeping; country, I.O. Address "Z 260, Assistant," this office.

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HOUSEKEEPER Wanted; light duties; comfortable place for suitable person. Replies to state experience and salary expected, to D 1995, this office.

INVALID lady, County Dublin, desires Resident Lady Assistant, Protestant, highly educated, good reader; preferably one sympathetic towards philanthropic and religious activities and having secretarial or other experience.—D 1897, this office.

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SHORTHAND Typist (Protestant) Wanted, Dublin Office; Land Agency experience preferred; state salary expected.—D 1861, this office.

SHORTHAND Typist Wanted; good opening well educated girl; 10/- weekly to start.—E 36, this office.

SECRET Service—A Sensational New Serial Story, "The Wrath to Come," begins to-day in the "Weekly Irish Times."

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VACANCY for a lady or gentleman in the Nursery and Market Garden Business, and Poultry, combined, one with capital, to go as partner, preferred.—D 1744, this office.

VACANCY for an Apprentice in the Seed and Florist Business; fee required.—D 1743, this office.

WANTED, a Mother's Help, housework, no washing; must be very clean, trustworthy and fond of children. Copies of references and wages expected to D 1811, this office.

WANTED, young Lady Confectioner for Bakehouse; must be good pastry hand. Apply, with references, Rigby and Milner, 91 University road, Belfast.

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WANTED, young Lady Apprentice to Costume Sales. Apply Anderson and Anderson, 136 Stephen's Green, Dublin.

WANTED, Help (superior) for country; very good cook and clever needlewoman, good practical housekeeper.—Box 698, Eason's Advertising Service, Dublin.

WANTED, Manager for Co-operative Store in South of Ireland, small commercial salary, rising with profits. Address "Z 171, Manager," this office.

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WANTED, services of Expert at Sales Forms under Land Act; state terms, experience; evenings would do.—D 1892, this office.

WANTED for Merchant's Office Lady Clerk; good knowledge of shorthand and typewriting essential. Reply, stating wages expected, to E 17, this office.

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A LOAN from £10 upwards can be had; reasonable interest, long terms; Dublin only.—D 409, this office.

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YOUNG Waitress seeks situation, restaurant, hotel, city; highly recommended.—D 1764, this office.

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CLERGYMAN (London Coll. Divinity) would take Sunday Duty anywhere; usual fee.—"D.," Rectory, Navan.

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WANTED by a Dublin Solicitor an Assistant competent to undertake Land Commission and [illegible] Business.—E 20, this office.

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APPRENTICE Wanted, high class Pharmacy, Dublin suburbs.—D 1944, this office.

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ELOCUTIONIST Wanted; state fee and class hours.—D 1991, this office.

JUNIOR Mistress Wanted, age over 25; salary, £80, res.—Wilmslow College, Cheshire.

WANTED, January, Nursery Governess, R.C., two girls, 7 and 3 years. Send particulars to Mrs. Higgins-Healy, Jamestown, Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim.

WANTED, French Master for Dublin School, three days weekly, morning hours. Apply, with credentials, salary expected, D 1778, this office.

WANTED, Elementary Governess, 10 to 12 daily (girl 10), Rathgar; salary, copies references.—R O 1461, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines.

WANTED, Gentlewoman, R.C., as Nursery Governess, four children; good needlewoman; country place, Midlands; by February 1st. Address "Z 179, Governess," this office.

WANTED, Protestant Nursery Governess; give particulars, copies references, and salary required. Address "Z 210, Governess," this office.

WANTED, Protestant Governess for Northern Ireland; three children, 11, 9 and 6 years; send copies references and state age and salary expected. Address "Z 273, Governess," this office.

WANTED, young Lady, Protestant, capable taking Preparatory Class in Dublin School (12 or 16); two hours morning, twice weekly; terms 15/- monthly. Address "Z 291, Teacher," this office.

WANTED, Nursery Governess or Mother's Help for two girls, 8 and 3 years; good needlewoman; no teaching; Protestant.—D 1936, this office.

WANTED, competent, experienced Assistant Mistress, school near Dublin; mathematics, Irish essential, Latin and French useful. Apply, in own writing, stating qualifications, experience, salary required, references, "Z 307, Mistress," this office.

WANTED, Nursery Governess for two children, 11 and 5 years; £40/£45; Protestant. Apply, with copies of testimonials, Box No. 1561, Irish Times Branch Office, Belfast.

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LADY, of experience, seeks position as Companion Help; Protestant. Address "Z 292, Companion," this office.

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PARENTS of a respectable Boy, aged 16, just left school, desire to Apprentice him to some Business in the city, where he will receive a good training with a prospect of permanent employment and advancement; Roman Catholic; fee will be paid. Reply D 1956, this office.

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SHORTHAND Typist, experienced, seeks position; thoroughly competent; very good references; small salary, progressive.—D 1680, this office.

SHORTHAND Typist seeks position; experience motor line; thoroughly competent; very good references.—D 1679, this office.

SUPERIOR experienced Working Housekeeper disengaged middle of January; thoroughly recommended by past and present employers.—681, Irish Times Branch Office, Bray.

SHORTHAND Typist requires Evening Work; own machine.—D 1950, this office.

SHORTHAND Typist, over three years' experience, good at figures, desires change; references.—D 1924, this office.

TO Clothing Manufacturers—Manager open for engagement; considerable experience in factory organisation and routine; thorough understanding of Free State trade.—D 1925, this office.

WANTED, post as Companion Help; thoroughly domesticated; experienced, recommended. Address "Z 205, Help," this office.

WANTED by a superior Protestant Girl, position as Mother's Help or Companion; 9 years in last position.—D 1929, this office.

WANTED by lady, post as Companion Help or Housekeeper; well recommended; small family; experienced invalids. Address "Z 294, Companion," this office.

YOUNG Lady wishes situation as Mother's Help.—R O 1453, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines.

YOUNG Gentleman seeks engagement Companion Secretary; nursing experience; go anywhere.—Y 34, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown.

YOUNG Lady, experience manufacturer's office, Cash Sales, knowledge typewriting, desires position; small security.—E 14, this office.

YOUNG Lady would help in house and invalid; very clean.—Box—901 E, Eason's Advertising Service, Dublin.

YOUNG Lady, I.C., wishes post, Mother's or Lady Help.—930, Irish Times Branch Office, Cork.

MALE SERVANTS WANTED.

REQUIRED, Butler Valet for country; state experience and wages.—Lyster-Smythe, Barbavilla, Collinstown, Westmeath.

REQUIRED, young Man to work under gamekeeper, for South-East; must have had previous experience; good home and garden; Protestant. Address, stating wages required, "Z 4930, Gamekeeper," this office.

REQUIRED, Lodge Keeper, Protestant (Pensioner, R.I.C. preferred); wages 10/- per week and firing; must be an active man, to keep up hedges. Address "Z 4931, Lodge Keeper," this office.

TRAPPERS Wanted—Good, all round Man Wanted at once; wages 45/- weekly. Apply Aird, Ballyearth, Drogheda.

WANTED, experienced General Man, R.C., milk, garden, and understand cattle. Apply, stating age, wages (indoor, all found), and copies of discharges. Mrs. Smith, Farnham street, Cavan.

WANTED for farmer's house, Protestant Boy, age 14 or 15, general help, kitchen and yard; nice comfortable home; wages £10 year, with some clothes; must be well recommended. Address "Z 295, Boy," this office.

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS WANTED.

WANTED, experienced Gardener; must know all branches; no need to apply unless good references; wages 30/-; no allowances or lodge.—D 1858, this office.

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FARM Labourer disengaged, desires situation; suburbs preferred; good papers.—D 1720, this office.

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TRAPPER, own gear, requires job; state terms per couple. Address "Z 245, Trapper," this office.

YOUNG Man seeks employment; care hunters, drive Ford car or ton truck; good references.—R O 1454, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines.

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GARDENER wants job work, tennis courts, pruning, laying out new or old gardens.—James Hopkins, Edmondstown, Rathfarnham.

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DOMESTICS WANTED.

MAID Wanted, R.C.; knowledge of housework, to work with house parlourmaid; £20.—Morgan, Crossogue, Thurles.

POULTRY—Active, tidy person Wanted, gentleman's family; small dairy and some house duties; particulars; modern conveniences. Address "Z 259, Domestic," this office.

WANTED, Country Girl, strong and willing, to train as General Servant, Rathgar. Copies references, etc., to D 1772, this office.

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COOK General Wanted for Co. Louth immediately; R.C.; wages, £35. Address "Z 254, Cook General," this office.

COOK General Wanted, country place; four in family; send copies discharges, stating age, wages expected.—Mrs. Shackleton, Canonbrook, Lucan, Co. Dublin.

COOK General and House Parlourmaid required; three in family; gas cooker; gardener does boots, coals, etc.; good wages; 25 miles from London. Photo and all particulars to Mrs. Seys, Arbon Grove, Chertsey, Surrey.

COOK General Wanted immediately, also House Parlourmaid; must be experienced; country place; send copies references; state wages.—Mrs. Hugh Finch, Marryville, Croom, Co. Limerick.

COOK (singlehanded), family three; two other maids; £40.—St. Chad's, St. Mary's road, Surbiton, Surrey.

COOK General Wanted; good wages and outings; good references essential; house parlourmaid kept. Apply Mrs. Howell Idris, 30 West Heath Drive, Golder's Green, London.

EXPERIENCED Cook Wanted, Fitzwilliam square; three other maids kept; good wages; send copies.—D 1782, this office.

EXPERIENCED Cook Wanted January 17th; 2 in family; copies, age, wages expected.—Crofton, Ashford, Wicklow.

GOOD Cook Wanted immediately; small dairy; good references essential. Apply Mrs. Jones, Lisnawilly, Dundalk.

GOOD Cook General Wanted, early January; must be well recommended; £30 to £32; send copies.—Mrs. Walker, Belle Vue, Stillorgan.

IRISH Catholic Cook General required for doctor's house; another maid kept; good wages and outings. Apply Mrs. Spain, Grosvenor House, West Ealing, London, W. 13.

LADY, Irish, Catholic, requires good Singlehanded Cook; also possibly Housemaid, for London; close church. Address "Z 187, Cook," this office.

TWO good Maids Wanted, Cook General and House Parlourmaid, for January 9th; must be highly recommended; two in family.—Mrs. Poole, 15 Lower Fitzwilliam street.

VERY Good Cook Wanted for England; Irish servants kept; very good wages. Write, stating age and enclosing discharges, Mrs. Hood, Buckhill, Calne, Wilts.

WANTED, good plain Cook, under 40 years of age, small dairy; no kitchenmaid; 3 in family; good wages to suitable person; must be well recommended; copies of testimonials.—Housekeeper, Greenmount, Clonsilla, Co. Dublin.

WANTED, experienced young Cook General; house parlourmaid kept; two in family; wages £30; enclose copies.—D 1867, this office.

WANTED, Cook General; must be good cook, and clean; two in family; two maids kept; send copies, and state wages.—D 1869, this office.

WANTED (January) for comfortable place, Belfast, young Cook, singlehanded, experienced, where housemaid and parlourmaid kept; late dinner, send copies with application; wages £45.—Lady Henry, 12 Windsor avenue, Belfast.

WANTED, experienced Cook, also House and Parlourmaid, Carrickmines neighbourhood. Reply, stating ages and wages expected, E 28, this office.

WANTED, Cook General and House Parlourmaid (R.C.) for Meath; wages £30 and £28; must be well recommended. Reply, full particulars, sending copies, to Mrs. Lanigan, Hill of Down.

WANTED at once for country, Co. Wicklow, good Cook, House Parlourmaid, Betweenmaid; good references necessary. Address "Z 293, Cook," this office.

GENERALS WANTED.

CAN lady recommend General Servant for one lady, Portmarnock; send copies.—Hone, Ballymacad, Oldcastle, Co. Meath.

DAILY General, young, experienced, good cook, for Rathgar.—D 1973, this office.

EXPERIENCED General Wanted, R.C.; good cook and bread maker; country; modern conveniences; £24; enclose copies.—Mrs. Hayes, Fairfield, Santry, County Dublin.

GENERAL—Strong Girl Wanted for private boarding house, city; good plain cook; small washing; good home for suitable girl; wages £20.—D 1774, this office.

GENERAL Wanted for South side. Call, with references, 11 Johnson's Court, off Grafton street.

GENERAL Servant Wanted, settled Person or young Girl to train. Call, before 12 or after 6, 1 Mespil road, Dublin.

GOOD General Wanted at once for small family; two children; nurse kept; good wages and good home for willing person. Apply Mrs. Goldman, 107 Lordship road, Stoke Newington, London.

RESPECTABLE young General Wanted, small family; light housework; good outings.—Killeen House, Belgrave road, Rathmines.

SMART General Wanted; good references. Apply 68 Kenilworth square, Rathgar, 6.30-8.30.

SMART, experienced General Wanted; no cooking.—7 Bloomfield avenue, South Circular road.

STRONG General required; good cook, washing, early riser.—R O 1457, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines.

STRONG young General Wanted. Apply Noyk, 24 Fitzwilliam place.

WANTED, good General for 2 Lower Hatch street.

WANTED, an experienced General; plain cooking, small washing; early riser; £24. Call, after 6.30 p.m., 33 Sydney avenue, Blackrock.

WANTED for business house in suburbs, General; good plain cook; comfortable home, good wages.—D 1750, this office.

WANTED, an active, tidy General Servant for lady and gentleman in Belfast. Address Box No. 1550, Irish Times Branch Office, Belfast.

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PROSPECTUS.

£3 10s. PER CENT. CONVERSION LOAN.

Redeemable at par on any Half-Yearly Interest date on and after the 1st April, 1961, at the option of His Majesty's Government, at three months' notice.

INTEREST PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY ON THE 1st APRIL AND THE 1st OCTOBER.

ISSUE OF STOCK BY TENDER.

MINIMUM PRICE, £77 10/- PER CENT.

First Dividend for a full Half-Year's Interest payable 1st April, 1925.

The Stock is an investment authorised by "The Trustee Act, 1893."

The Governor and Company of the Bank of England give notice that they are authorised to receive Tenders for the above-mentioned Stock, to be created by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

The Stock will be in addition to, and will rank part passu with, Stock of the £3 10/- % Conversion Loan already existing.

Tenders must be delivered at the Chief Cashier's Office, Bank of England, before 1 o'clock, on Thursday, the 8th January, 1925, and a deposit of £5 per cent. upon the nominal amount of the Stock tendered for must be paid at the time of the delivery of the Tender. The deposit must not be enclosed in the Tender.

Where no allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full. In the case of partial allotment the sum deposited in excess of £5 per cent. upon the amount of Stock allotted will be returned.

Tenders must be for sums of £10,000, or multiples thereof. Each Tender must state what amount of money will be given for each £100 Stock. The minimum price below which no Tender will be accepted has been fixed at £77 10/- per £100 Stock. All Tenders must be at prices which are even multiples of sixpence.

Tenders at the lowest price accepted may be subject to a pro rata diminution.

Tenderers will be notified forthwith of the result of their Tenders. In the case of accepted Tenders, the balance of the money to be provided will be due for payment on Friday, the 16th January, 1925. Payment of this sum may, however, be postponed (without notice to the Bank) until any subsequent Friday up to and including Friday, the 6th February, 1925, on payment in addition of interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum upon the sum from the 16th January, 1925. (Payments may, if desired, be made on days other than Friday, but in such cases interest will be charged until the Friday next succeeding the actual day of payment.) Power to pay on or before the 6th February, 1925, the balance due in respect of an allotment, together with any interest payable thereon, will render the deposit liable to forfeiture and the allotment to cancellation.

Fully-Paid Allotments may be inscribed forthwith, or may be exchanged for Stock Certificates to Bearer

A commission of 8/6 per £100 nominal will be paid to bankers and stockbrokers on allotments made in respect of Tenders bearing their stamp.

Tenders must be made upon the printed forms, which may be obtained at the Bank of England, or at any of the Bank's Branches; of Messrs. Mullens, Marshall, Steer, Lawford and Co., 13 George street, Mansion House, London, E.C. 4, and at any Stock Exchange in the United Kingdom.

Bank of England, London.

12th January, 1925.

COMPANY NOTICES.

BUENOS AYRES WESTERN RAILWAY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

To the Holders of the BUENOS AYRES WESTERN RAILWAY, LIMITED, 5% TERMINABLE (1926) DEBENTURES.

The Board of the Buenos Ayres Western Railway, Limited, desire to communicate with the Holders of the above Bonds, in anticipation of their falling due for repayment at par on 9th July, 1925.

In order that communications may be safely delivered, the Holders are requested to send their full names and addresses to MESSRS. GLYN, MILLS and CO., 67 LOMBARD STREET, E.C.3, through whom the Coupons on these Securities are paid.

By Order of the Board,
ROBERT GRAHAM, Secretary.
Offices of the Company, River Plate House, 10 and 11, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C.2. 21st December, 1924.

LIVER FLUKE
INFALLIBLY CURED AT ALL STAGES.
The Ministry of Agriculture
ASCRIBE TO
DANISTOL
(Prof. Marek's Derivative of Male Fern)
100% efficacy
Your Animals can all be Saved and Restored to Perfect Health.
Supplied through Veterinary Surgeons by
The Crown Chemical Co., Ltd.
52 CRUTCHED FRIARS, LONDON, E.C.3.
Telegrams—Tigress Fen, London.

IRISH FAIR.

KILMACTHOMAS (CO. WATERFORD) FAIR.—Held on Tuesday; chiefly composed of first- and second-class shorthorn stock. Well-bred forward-conditioned animals were in demand, prices showing a firmer tendency; thin and rough stock were in poor request. Springers and milch cows sold readily at high values. Small supply of sheep, which were only in moderate demand. Average number of young pigs on sale. The following were the quotations:—Calves, six and not exceeding twelve months, first-class, £6 5/- to £9 10/-, average £7 18/-; second-class, £5 5/- to £6 10/-, average £6; one year old and under two years, first-class, £12 5/- to £15 7/6, average £14 5/-; second-class, £9 guineas to 12 guineas, average £11; two years old and under three years, first-class, £15 10/- to £21 5/-, average £18 10/-; second-class, £12 to £16, average £14; three years old and over, first-class, £21 10/- to £26 10/-, average £23 5/-; second-class, £16 5/- to £21, average £19. Fat cattle, three years old and over, first-class, £24 to £28, average £26 10/-; second-class, £19 10/- to £22 15/-, average £20. Springers (cows and heifers), first-class, £27 to £34, average £31; second-class, £19 to £26, average £22. Milch cows (down calved), first-class, £25 to £27, average £26; second-class, £17 to £24, average £20 guineas. Young pigs, 6 to 10 weeks old, 17/- to 27/-; store pigs, over 10 weeks and under four months, £3/- to 44/-, average 35/-. Fat sheep averaged 91/6.

(FOR MOTOR MATTERS, BICYCLES, ETC., SEE PAGE 10.)

FINANCIAL NEWS

THE MONEY MARKET.

FUNDS IN AMPLE SUPPLY.

FRESH RECORD IN STERLING.

With the turn of the year, funds that had been temporarily locked up were released, while, in addition, there were some large disbursements yesterday in London, amounting in all to over £30,000,000, against which calls on new issues totalled only £3,000,000. Consequently, money was in abundant supply, and short loans were offered at 3½ down to 2 p.c. Renewals for a day or a week were made at 2½ p.c. A large amount fell due at the Bank and was paid off. The discount market was somewhat steadier, with fine three months' bills 3¼-3½ p.c. Sixty-day maturities were called 3½ p.c. The Banks were buyers of February Treasuries at 3½ to 3¾ p.c., and also of March bills at 3½ p.c. Treasuries maturing in April were quoted at 3¾ p.c.

Bank Rate (Discount charged July 5, 1923), 4%

30 days (fine)	3⅛	3⅜			
2 months	3⅛	3⅜	Trade	4	4½
4 months	3¼	3⅜	"	4½	4¾
6 months	3¼	3⅜	"	4¾	5
Loans in brokers' day-to-day				3¾	4
for a week				3¾	4
Deposit Allowance: Joint-Stock banks, at call					2
Discount Houses, at call					2¼
at notice					2¼

Gold fell 5d. to 87s. 9d. per oz. on the rise in sterling. Silver was 1-16d. lower at 31¾d. per oz. for spot, and 31 11-16d. for forward delivery.

In the foreign exchange market sterling opened the year by creating a fresh record since decontrol took place in March, 1919. The New York rate rose to 4.75-4.75⅛ dollars, probably on sentiment inspired by the visit of the Bank of England Governor to New York. There was a slight reaction later to 4.74¾-4.75. France were dull at 87.20-87.30 for French, and 94.65-94.75 for Belgian, and Italian lire showed little variation at 111-20-111-30. Dutch florins depreciated sharply to 11.71-11.71½ on the fall in the dollar, and Swiss and Scandinavian rates also moved up in favour of sterling. In the South American group, Buenos Ayres was a shade harder at 46-46⅛, and Valparaiso improved to 40.20 pesos, but Rio eased to 5⅞-5⅝, and Monte Video to 50⅞-50⅝. Rupees were firmer at 1s. 5-16d.-1s. 6-16d., while Japanese yen weakened with the dollar to 1s. 7¼d.-1s. 7½d. China rates were steady. The following were closing quotations:—

	January 1.		December 31.		Nominal Rate.
	97⅛		97⅛		97½
Amsterdam	11.71	11-71⅛	11.87½	11.88	12.10
B. Ayres	46	46⅛	46	46⅛	46⅛
Barcelona	23.82	23.86	23.82	23.90	25.22
Belgium	94.65	94.75	94.60	94.70	98.25
Berlin	19.92	19.97	19.90	19.95	20.10
Brussels	94.65	94.75	94.60	94.70	98.25
Bucharest	1.04	1.05	1.04	1-05⅛	1.05
Christiania	21.26	21.30	21.27	21.42	22.15
Copenhagen	26.02	26.06	26.00	26.05	26.15
Constantinople	1.57	1.57⅛	1.57	1.57⅛	1.65
Finland	2.60	2.68	2.57	2.63	—
Greece	1.89	1.89	1.87	1.88	—
Hong Kong	2/3⅞	2/4⅛	2/3¾	2/4⅛	—
Hungary	342.000	348.000	342.000	348.000	—
Italy	139.50	140.30	141.35	141.85	98.25
Lisbon	27⅛	27⅜	27⅛	27⅜	27⅝
Madrid	23.85	23.87	23.92	23.95	25.22
Montreal	4 7/64	4 7/64	4 7/64	4 7/64	4 7/64
Norway	21¾	21⅞	21¾	21⅞	22
New York	4.73⅝	4.75⅛	4.72⅞	4.73⅝	4.86
Paris	87.10	87.30	87.20	87.30	98.25
Portugal	24.50	24.70	24.50	24.70	25.22½
Roumania	0/8	0/8	0/8	0/8	1/0
Shanghai	2/3	2/3	2/3	2/3	2/3
Singapore	2/4⅛		2/4⅛		2/4⅛
Stockholm	17.56	17.62	17.50	17.55	18.10
Switzerland	24.15	24.35	24.23	24.28	25.22½
Vallorbes	40 20		40 40		12.25
Vienna	350.000	354.000	350.000	359.000	—
Yokohama	1/7⅞	1/7⅞	1/7⅞	1/7⅞	4/-

BANK RETURN.

WEEK ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1924.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

Notes Issued £146,485,990 | Notes Held £11,015,100; Other Securities 6,724,900; Gold Coin and Bullion 128,735,990 | £146,485,990

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

Proprietors' Capital	£14,553,000	Government Securities	£69,579,632
Rest	3,342,741	Other Securities	
Public Deposits	5,511,456	Notes	193,600,354
Other Deposits	125,779,092	Coin	16,190,075
7-day & other Bills	7,875	Gold & Silver Bullion	1,924,012
	£152,199,959		£152,193,993

Compared with last week	Increase.	Decrease.
Circulation (including 7-day and other Bills)		1,456,000
Public Deposits		6,340,804
Other Deposits	24,460,801	—
Government Securities	32,000,000	—
Other Securities	20,009,998	—
Bullion	4,468	—
Reserve	1,804,458	—

Proportion of Reserve to Liabilities 11⅝% against 14⅜% last week.

The following shows the position of the Bank of England now and during the previous two years:—

Circulation (including 7-day and other Bills)	1924.	1923.	1922.
	£	£	£
Public Deposits	198,595,513	167,530,765	124,053,480
Other Deposits	18,511,459	18,454,031	12,201,951
Government Securities	155,779,092	150,198,259	144,561,721
Other Securities	63,579,998	44,240,000	24,560,000
Reserve	12,600,354	16,998,195	14,323,674
Coin & Bullion	20,014,087	20,287,237	21,989,780
Reserve to Liabilities	12⅝%	12⅜%	13⅞%
Bank Rate	4%	4%	3½%
Consols	57⅞	57⅝	55⅞
Bar Silver	31d.	35⅛d.	31⅞d.
Clearinghouse Returns	£81,694,000	£77,002,000	£70,693,000

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

THE BANK OF IRELAND.

The Bank of Ireland gives notice that, in order to prepare the dividend payable on the 1st February, 1925, the balances of the several accounts in Bank Stock will be struck on the night of Tuesday, 13th instant. Transfers may be made on and after the 14th inst. ex-dividend.

MARCONI MARINES.

The decision of the directors of the Marconi International Marine Communication Company to pay off the £57,220 outstanding balance of the 5½ p.c. First Mortgage Debentures at par strengthens the position of the Ordinary shares, which are quoted at 2¼-2⅜. This company paid a dividend of 10 p.c. for 1923, and an interim dividend of 5 p.c. was recently declared in respect of 1924. There was a reduction in the 1923 profits owing to exceptional causes. There appears to be a reasonable probability that at least 10 p.c. will be forthcoming for the whole of 1924. Allowing for the accrued interim dividend of 1s., the shares at, say, 21s. net, yield 9½ p.c.

MOTOR SHIPBUILDING.

"In 1924 all previous records in motor shipbuilding were far surpassed," states the "Motor ship." "The tonnage of such vessels constructed throughout the world was 549,355 in 1924, against 355,925 in 1923. Of this total, British yards were responsible for 344,440, or more than 50 per cent. The largest motor ship built in 1924 was one of 18,500 tons gross, while in 1923 the biggest vessel of the class was 9,000 tons gross. At the end of 1923 there were motor vessels of about 600,000 tons gross under construction. At the end of 1924 the figure was over 1,000,000 tons gross. The present year, therefore, opens with very satisfactory prospects in the motor shipbuilding world."

DEBT OF AUSTRALIA.

In view of the frequency of Australian loans in this market, and the habit of some of the colonies to borrow a little fresh money when they have to launch debt conversion operations, some recent remarks of Mr. Earle Page, the Commonwealth Treasurer, give food for serious thought (writes *Truth*). Mr. Page has said that since June, 1911, the State debts had increased from £271,750,000 to £970,000,000, the growth being equal to more than 100 per cent., though the increase in the population in the same period was only 22 per cent. Since 1911, he added, the value of production had risen from £188,250,000 to £346,500,000, but taking the relative values of 1923 the output only represented £221,000,000, while the 1923 volume of production was actually less than in 1911. In addition to the State debts the Commonwealth owes £415,000,000, of which £80,000,000 is recoverable. Fortunately, the prospects for the current wool clip are particularly bright, it being estimated that this will exceed two million bales, and will yield £94,000,000, record prices having being obtained for part of that which has been already sold. In view of this stupendous figure, it is to be hoped that Australia will never again experience such a drought as she suffered many years ago. It may be noted, meanwhile, that of the recent Victoria Government loan of £6,000,000 in 4½ per cent. stock at 97½, the public subscribed for only about £540,000, the rest having been left with the underwriters.

PRODUCE AND FOOD.

CATTLE.

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN CATTLE.—North Circular road, Thursday.—To-day's register of entrants on this market indicates an all-round increase. There was a full attendance of cross-Channel buyers, as well as the usual good number of home victuallers and dealers. Trade all round ruled buoyant and firm up to about mid-stage of market, but after this things with regard to the commoner and coarser descriptions of stock were more irregular. In some cases choice stall-fed cattle secured 1s. to 2s. more money per cwt., but cut-fed beasts are now practically finished. The few choice lots in this case offering to-day made previous figures, but, on the whole, grass-fed exhibits were looking the worse of the present cold, wet and windy weather. The sheep trade was exceedingly well supported for shipping purposes, and prices show an upward tendency.

	On sale this week as compared with last.		Corresponding weeks of 1923.	1924.
Cattle	4,432	increase	2,855	4,550	5,210
Sheep	6,227	increase	4,522	6,783	8,544
Veal calves	8			8	

The best trade opened actively for stall-feds. Prices were firm around 54s. to 56s. for prime qualities, and occasionally up to 58s., and even more, for something exceptional in the "black" class. The season for grass-fed cattle being now practically over, there were few choice animals available to-day, best average run making 46s. to 50s. per cwt., and rough and ordinary descriptions, say, 40s. to 45s. per cwt. A considerable number of weedy classes proved a negligible sale. Beef cows of good quality were in request, and trade for both cows and bulls showed an improved tone. Veal calves were frequently mentioned to-day than last market. The average run of prices would work out at from 40s. to 44s. and 45s. per cwt. for best lots, and from 28s. to 30s. and 32s. for old and lean cows.

In the ovine section of market trade was generally of a satisfactory and buoyant nature, with prices indicating an upward trend. Shipping men were active where good boggies were concerned, and these realised 60s. to 75s. and 78s. apiece, while in one or two exceptional instances up to 84s. and over was paid. The nicer descriptions of wether mutton suitable to local victuallers' requirements stopped 1s. 3d. per lb. The general run of prices may be written at 1s. to 1s. 2½d. per lb., with, of course, less money for the coarser and more ordinary classes. Ewes with any pretensions to nested class met a better inquiry to-day.

DUBLIN DAIRY CATTLE (North Circular road).—Much cow landed, 540 head, being an increase of 195 over last market. Trade very slack, and on the whole a disappointing. Prices, however, show no change since previous quotations—viz., £50 to £40 apiece for choice heavy milkers, and from £15 to £25 and £28 apiece for the average run of cows. A good many failed to change ownership over the fair.

DUBLIN PIG (North Circular road).—Entrants in this market numbered but 599, and everything was cleared early in the morning's trading, which was of a brisk and healthy nature. Even new pigs and stores were in request. Cross-Channel and Northern buyers were in good attendance, together with a fair sprinkling of local curers. Prices, ran from 85/- to 90/- per cwt. for best bacon hogs, useful classes of stores 70/- to 84/- per cwt., coarser sorts lower in proportion.

BIRMINGHAM.—Moderate supply of pigs, and trade quiet, values being firm and unchanged. Small lambs 17/- to 17/6, rutters ditto, and sows 13/6 per cwt.

BRISTOL.—Beef, moderate supply, 100/- to 104/- per cwt. Mutton, 100/- to 104/- per cwt. Ample supply of veal, trade quiet, values unaltered, best cows £22 to £30, inferior up to £44.

YORK.—Market was of holiday character, and trade slow. Best quality of fat cattle, but no English. Best two and half year old bullocks made £50 to £52, small show calving and milch cows making to £40. Quiet trade for an average show of sheep. Down cross hoggets 35/- to 72/-, fen sheep-lings 76/-.

GRAIN.

BRISTOL.—Moderate supply of English wheat at unchanged prices; foreign improved demand with business done at 1/- to 2/- per qr. higher. Barley, Scotch distilling barley better demand at 1/- to 1/6 higher on previous rates from, declined to hardly. Oats steady, 6d. higher.

PROVISIONS.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—Demand was good for the small supply offering to-day, following prices:—York cabbages 60/- to 67/- per load, kerned 2/6 to 3/- per bag, Swede turnips 1/9 to 2/- per cwt., cauliflowers 3/6 to 4/- per dozen, celery 5/- to 6/-, parsnips, white turnips 6d. to 9d. per bunch.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Neither prices nor business with regard to potatoes shows any change, the former ranging at 5/6 to 6/6 per cwt., and the latter dull and inactive.

COOK BUTTER.—The market remains unchanged; creameries 214/—per cwt., choicest salted 210/-, farmers' from packages 168/-.

DUBLIN FISH.—Fish arrivals are kept very low owing to the continued bad and stormy weather. To-day's market was a very poor affair, prices for soles, 2 boxes of herrings and a small quantity of hock only, being realised, the following prices:—Plaice 25/- codlad 70/-, dabs 20/- per half box; herrings averaged 1/- per box; conger eels, ourselves sold 40/- each.

GRIMSBY.—Very poor supply landed from 24 North Sea, Irish Sea, one Faroe trawler, one liner. Demand fair. Plaice 13/6, whitings 7/-, cod 10/-, to 12/-, haddocks 9/-, large 12/-, soles 20/-, to 24/-, skinned 12/6, dabs 14/6, codlings 8/-, to 9/- per stone; roker 9/-, to 11/-, brill 2/8 per lb.

BILLINGSGATE.—Supply light. Demand fair. Soles 20/- to 35/-, skate 8/- to 16/-, cod per 1/- to 2/-, whiting 2/- to 3/-, haddocks 2/- to 3/-, plaice 10/- to 18/-, herrings 1/- to 2/-, mackerel 2/- to 3/-, lemon sole 6/- to 10/-, whiting 3/- to 7/-, hake 9/- to 13/-, cod 8/- to 9/-, crabs 7/- to 9/-, lobsters 7/- to 9/- per stone.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT.—Beef steady; Scotch steers, 1/- to 1/2; Irish, including Birkinhead, 1/- to 1/2; Welsh, 1/- to 1/2. Mutton steady, best 9/4 to 10/-, wethers 9/- to 9/8, ewes 8/4 to 9/-, lambs 9/4 to 9/4, wethers 8/- to 8/4; lamb steady, Marfete scarce.

LONDON POTATO.—Liberal supplies, slow demand. Best King Edwards 10/- to 11/-, seconds 8/6 to 9/-, British Queens, also Majestic 8/6 to 9/-, blackland Kerr Pinks 8/6 to 9/-, Scotch Kerr Pinks 8/- to 8/6 per cwt. German whites 6/- to 7/-, Polish 6/6 to 6/- per 50 Kilo. sack.

MISCELLANEOUS.

BRADFORD WOOL.—There is a steady tone about market, and both combmakers and spinners are content to wait for business in the earlier days of the Colonies in the new year. Meanwhile quotations show no change, and with crossbred tops, there is not sufficient business transacted to name a price.

LONDON HAY AND STRAW.—Quiet; ample supply. Meadow hay £5 5/- to £5 15/-, clover £4 5/- to £4 15/-, inferior £3 5/- to £3 15/-, best oaten straw £3 to £3 5/-, best wheaten straw £3 10/- to £3 5/-, best trussed wheat straw £5/- to 95/-, barley and oat ditto 85/- to 95/-, all per ton, delivered.

SCOTTISH WHISKY FIRMS.

BIG TRANSACTION CONCLUDED.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

EDINBURGH, Thursday Night.

I am informed by well accredited financial sources that the long negotiated deal between the Distillers Company, Limited, and the American Yeast Combine, has been concluded. The transaction will involve a very large sum of money, because it has always been known that the yeast side of the Distillers Company's business was almost as valuable as the whisky manufacture and distribution sections of the concern. The disposal of the yeast industry, which will probably be announced at the next Board meeting on the 16th January, will clear the way for the establishment of the community of interests between the Buchanan-Dewar and John Walker Combines.

The rapid advance of Distillers shares, in face of enormous liquidation, was a remarkable feature of the Edinburgh Stock Exchange late on Wednesday, when the shares touched the even £3. There was a flood of selling from all sections of the market, but the buying was better than the selling, and tens of thousands were taken for London and American buying.

The Distillers shares have for a generation been held chiefly by well-established families who have taken the opportunity to secure handsome capital appreciation, although the yeast transaction alone must represent some millions of the leading whisky corporation.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

ALEXANDER'S DISCOUNT CO., LTD.—A dividend for the final half-year at the rate of 15 per cent. per annum on the Ord. Shares, less tax, and a bonus of 5/- per share, free of tax.

BARRATT AND CO., LTD.—Dividends as follow: 7½ per cent. on the Ord. Shares and 19 per cent. on the Pref. shares, making 40 per cent. and 38¼ per cent. respectively, for the year.

CROSSLEY AND CO., LTD.—An interim dividend at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum on the Pref. Shares of this company for the six months ended September 30, 1924.

LIEBIG'S EXTRACT OF MEAT CO., LTD.—A final dividend of 1/- per share, free of tax, making 1/6- per share, free of tax, for the year. The directors further announce their intention to issue shortly to the Ord. shareholders 50,000 Ord. Shares, being the balance of the unissued capital, at a price of £7 10/- per share, in the proportion of one new share for every four Ord. Shares held.

SOUTH KALGURLI CONSOLIDATED, LTD.—An interim dividend declared at the rate of 5 shares in respect of the profits for the year ending March 31 next.

UNION DISCOUNT CO. OF LONDON, LTD.—A dividend at the rate of 15 per cent. per annum, less tax, for the final half-year and a bonus of 5/- per share, free of tax.

TRAFFICS.

Paraguay Central Railway, week to December 27, £4,230, increase £1,230; Burma Railways, week to November 29, Rs.630,349, decrease Rs.106,467; Barcelona Traction, Light, and Power, November net earnings pesetas 5,447,841, increase pesetas 329,581; Indian Railways, week to December 27, Rs.3,356,000, decrease Rs.154,000; Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway, week to December 27, Rs.9,404,000, decrease Rs.83,000; Havana Central Railroad, week to December 27, £15,966, increase £605; Bengal-Nagpur Railway, week to December 20, Rs.1,444,000, increase Rs.93,000; Buenos Aires Tramways, week ended December 24, $15,277, increase $443; Buenos Aires Central Railway, week to December 28, $12,397, increase $720.

Books of the Week.

THE DUTCH EAST INDIES.

Mr. Louis Couperus, one of the masters of modern Dutch prose, travelled in the year 1922 to the Far East as correspondent of one of the best-known Dutch weeklies. He died shortly after his return to Holland; and the present work, "Eastward," is a slightly revised edition of the articles which he wrote on the Dutch East Indies—Sumatra and Java. The translators have produced a masterpiece of English in which one feels that they have also caught the spirit of the original in a felicitous degree.

Mr. Couperus is a picturesque writer, who makes the reader feel "the soul of all the East" about him. There is something atavistic in this; for many of his forebears spent their lives in what the Dutch also call their Indian Civil Service, and he himself lived in the Indies in his childhood. On his return after an absence of many years he found that something had departed from the scene; the glamour of the empire-builders seemed to have degenerated into the more prosaic pursuits of industrialism. The Resident and the Collector were no longer kings and princes; for the merchant was overrough and ordinary descriptions, say, 40s. to 45s. per cwt. A considerable number of weedy shadowing them, and democracy was disintegrating bureaucracy. The motor car, which he himself found so prevalent and indispensable, is too hasty a mode of conveyance for paternal rule, which demands the slow progression on foot or horseback that enables a man to get intimate with the life of the village communities.

Yet in spite of these disillusionments, the author entered into the spirit of the land with a renewed zest. His descriptions of buildings and interiors, of customs and legend, are not so happy as those of scenery and of emotions. His sketches of industrial life are drawn with the hand of one who does not wholly love his subject, though he lavishes all the care of an artist on the picture. The marvellous transformation which Dutch engineers are making at the ocean-port of Belawan in Java, which but a few years ago was a jungle-fringed bay, appeals to him—the vital energy of Europeans represented by this creation, who all the time are fighting against the climate that saps their energy. Tea-factories, rubber, the enormous petroleum refineries and filling-establishments, all have their due need of regard. One can recognise the hand of the journalist, but this is a prince of the confraternity, whose language is as original as his outlook.

These islands afford a leisured existence to those natives who refuse to take part in the seething life of the factory. There are curious mixtures of religions—Hindu, Brahman and Moslem—showing how waves of immigration have come even to these far places. In some villages a matriarchal system of family life reigns; in others women are as naught, mere slaves to husbands whose life is a round of cock-fighting and other cultured pursuits. Symmetry and grace of body are the rule both with women and men, and a picturesque simplicity in raiment that steals something of its hues from the wonderful beauty of foliage and flower amidst which the people live. It is that beauty in which the author especially revelled—a fascinating enchantment so often to be found in volcanic countries and which the poet Shelley understood. In the day "violet or purple-hued mantles of rain and sunshine" wrap the mysterious mountains; Lake Toba glimmers blue among basalt and green dells far below the highland road, and at night fragrant star-like flowers light the forest darkness, while "the clear tones of the angkloung, played by little musicians, begin to sprinkle pure and tender and crystal-clear notes in the hour full of mystery."

The brooding sense of Eastern mystery fills these pages. The author recognises that there is an "occult force" existent, and a missionary who had long worked in the Sunda Islands confirmed it to him as his own experience. There is something secret that the European can never fathom: it is not always evil or always benign. Men fear the unknown and flee from it, though it may be pure and white as the datura-blossom, whose flowers are the magic flowers of the Javanese.

G. D.

"Bastward." By Louis Couperus. Translated by J. Menzies-Wilson and C. G. Crispin. London: Hurst and Blackett. 18/- net.

IN PRAISE OF SLEEP.

Night is now yoking her horses, and the yellow stars are following the chariot of their mother in wanton dance; after them comes silent Sleep with sombre wings outspread and black Dreams with dubious gait.—*Pitoueff.*

A new publishing house—that of Mr. Guy Chapman—is introduced by a charming volume, exquisitely printed and bound, in "An Anthology of Sleep," compiled by Mrs. Alison Phillips. Several publishers of late have given us bedside books—volumes intended for perusal in the still moments before the oncoming of sleep—but none has offered a more pleasant or appropriate volume than this before us. Mrs. Phillips has collected some two hundred passages, chiefly of verse, from English and classical poets and some prose writers, all touching on the subject of sleep. Some are but brief sentences, some poems of considerable length; but all are chosen with a delicate taste for style, and all are just of that charm which pleases the mind at the day's end, when some fine thought, musically yet quietly expressed, tunes the mind to pleasant meditation.

Thus we may open the book at random and happen on Symonds's rendering of a Greek epigram—

Here tangled is hallowed slumber Saon lies,
Asleep, not dead; a good man never dies—

or we may come upon Christina Rossetti's long and strangely impressive piece on sleep at sea, which opens—

Sound the deep waters—
Who shall sound that deep?
Too short the plummet,
And the watchmen sleep.
Some dream of effort
Up a toilsome steep;
Some dream of pasture grounds
For harmless sheep.

It is a little surprising to observe how the topic of sleep has moved ancient and modern poets so many of their loveliest utterances. Homer, Hesiod, Sophocles, Musæus, Plato, Lucretius, Virgil, Petronius yield beautiful passages on sleep. The Elizabethans are often at their best on the same topic. Cervantes has a rhapsody on sleep; Calderon and Ariosto are quoted too; the later English writers are inspired in like manner.

We are a little puzzled at the absence of quotations from "The Compleat Angler" and from "The Pilgrim's Progress"—surely that noble passage on the chamber named Peace should not be lacking—but we come with satisfaction on several well-loved passages, such as Sir Thomas Browne's—

And surely it is not a melancholy conceit to think we are all asleep in this World, and that our Advocates plead but for dreams. Scipio was but in a dream when he paralleled himself unto those of the next, as the Phantasms of the night, to the conceits of the day.

We find the subject of sleep moving Meredith to a beauty of expression free of his usual crabbed phrasing, and musical—

. . . so they went early to their beds, and carelessly wished one another good-night, none of them supposing slumber to be anywhere one of the warlike acts, a paradoxical thing yea most battle for and can only win at last when utterly beaten.

It is a little disappointing to miss that passage in the Odyssey which describes the weary hero's rest in the house of Alcinous—surely one of the best passages on slumber in all literature. There are few anthologies, however, which yield less excuse for cavilling—so widely is the net cast, so scrupulous is the taste which has pronounced on every admission or rejection. This is a book of literary gold. There will be no need hereafter for the sleepless to strive wearily for sleepy images; here at hand they may find that which will pleasantly bind "the certain knot of peace."

"An Anthology of Sleep." Selected by Catherine Alison Phillips. London: Guy Chapman. 5/- net.

SECRETS OF BIRD LIFE.

This book is written ostensibly for ordinary people to induce them to study the "new universe" that awaits them in country walks; but what a delight it is to those who can distinguish species and already know a little of bird-life! The authors describe bird-photography as "the best sport in the world," with the elements of skill, patience, endurance and the spice of danger that makes all sport worth while. They certainly have captured rare birds for us in most inaccessible places and times, and the matter of the book has all the spirit and glamour of adventure. While they are sportsmen in the best sense of the word, a strain of feeling and protection, based on common-sense and observation, and entirely free from sentimentality, will be a safe guide to landowners who may be uncertain as to the ravages of birds.

The writers plead for the golden eagle, now near extinction, and for that gallant little fighter, the merlin. There is a charming chapter on "The Heather Dwellers," where "Alan Breck's" flight on Ben Alder is recalled, with the note that if the Red-coats (or Stevenson) had known even a little about birds, Alan Breck would have been betrayed by the curlews—the "keeper's watch dog." Another note of interest here is of the peewit. Newspapers, we are told, have been full of letters on the decrease and disappearance of this bird; but these writers say that he exists in as large numbers as ever. He has merely changed quarters and moved uphill from the low-lands to the moors. The reason which has been advanced for this change is the use of chemical manures, particularly basic slag, by the farmers. If slag is used on a field, the peewits desert it at once, even if nesting. The presence of peewits, then, means poor or badly-farmed land. "The greenshank and the dunlin," "the capercailzie and the crested tit," "the dipper at nest," are some of the elusive birds intimately described here. Even the common gull, so offensive to the partners, comes into the picture in most interesting detail. Indeed, we who watch the sweep of his pinions over Dublin Bay must confess to a home-loving regard for this outcast. The outdoor boy will revel in this book, while even the arm-chair reader will experience the thrill of the "hide" and the waiting for the bird of the moment.

"Secrets of Bird Life." By H. A. Gilbert and Arthur Brook. London: Arrowsmith. 10/- net.

PYGMIES AND BUSHMEN.

The Kalahari is a part of the great tableland of South Africa—an arid country for the most part, but containing large tracts of marsh land which are inhabited by numerous wild animals and provide abundant forms of bird life and a varied reptilian and invertebrate fauna. It is peopled by a race of Bushmen who are rapidly approaching extinction, and for this reason students of anthropology will welcome an account of the habits, customs and beliefs of the untutored, nomad peoples who find their home there.

The author has had many years' experience among the Bushmen and Bechuanas, and writes with the sympathy that comes from understanding and respect. He laments the cruelties of the white man and of their hereditary foes, the Bantu, which have made the simple peoples of this great region so distrustful of strangers and so quick to act when doubtful of a traveller's motives. He is full of admiration for their courage and loyalty towards those whom they know. "One thing that has struck me about all Bechuanas . . . is has been their sense of loyalty and faithfulness to their friends and employers.

But we must take the trouble to understand them . . . they will do anything for a person who has earned their respect. . . . If the hunter goes down in the fight (with a lion), so will the Bushman . . . but too often has force been the only argument used with them."

There is an interesting chapter on Bushman art and paintings. Many examples have been discovered, ranging from early periods down to the present day; but there is not much to be seen in the way of artistic development. Students of comparative religion will read eagerly what we are told about the religious cults of these people. One story relating to the Bechuana tradition about the origin of death, in which a chameleon figures, shows a close parallel to the Biblical story concerning the origin of sin.

Short descriptions are given of the lives of some of the great chiefs. None is more interesting than that of Khama, who was born about 1826 and, as a small boy, trotted out beside his father to meet the young explorer, David Livingstone, on his great journey into Darkest Africa. Of the same lineage became a great chief, and before his death in 1923 was instrumental in preparing an aerodrome for the trial flight of the "Silver Queen," the aeroplane which carried Dr. Chalmers Mitchell from the Nile Delta. Here we have in the life time of one man a symbol of the tremendous transition that is taking place in the heart of Africa. What the effects of this European invasion will be on the life of the millions who inhabit the centre of the dark Continent remains to be seen.

"Pygmies and Bushmen of the Kalahari." By S. S. Dornan, F.R.G.S. London: Seeley Service. 21/- net.

THE RODEO.

Mr. Simpson's volume consists of one hundred remarkable sketches made in the arena during the Rodeo—live "snapshots," done, however, with pencil and crayon instead of with the camera. Some of these drawings were made in circumstances which had a not inappropriate spice of danger. In addition, he has given us descriptive letterpress which adds materially to the value of the work. For us Irish this Rodeo had a special interest, if for the names alone. Ruth Roach, Vera McGinnins, Florence Fenton, Bonnie McCarroll, Tommy Kirman, Mike Hastings, despite spelling, are surely of Irish stock. Probably their ancestors were of those pioneers who hacked their way through the desert lands of Arizona, building up with their exertion what is to-day the great ranching centre of the United States.

Mr. Cunninghame Graham contributes an interesting preface, directed especially against those Britons who visit the spectacle. He points out that the cowboy rides without spur or whip, while the British jockey often lashes and spurs his mount to victory. The lassoing of steers is an every-day duty on the ranch, as Mr. Graham knows from his experience in the United States, Mexico and the South American republics. Proficiency in this duty is not a relaxation, but a necessity to those who earn their bread in the prairie, and the aim of the cowboy is to capture the beast speedily, without maiming what often represents a property worth hundreds of dollars. The influence of old Spain over the United States is well illustrated by the

DAMAGED IRISH CATTLE.

WHERE ILLTREATMENT OCCURS.

STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF SHIPOWNERS.

The prominence given recently to the maltreatment of cattle in transit brought an important statement from Mr. David Barry at yesterday's meeting of the Dublin Port and Docks Board.

The subject came up on the receipt of replies from the cross-Channel shipping companies to the request of the Board for information as to the number for every pen and the size of the pens for cattle carried on their boats. The information was not given to the Board because of the absence of Messrs. Field and Leonard, who had moved in the matter.

THE CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Barry was, however, given permission to make a statement. He said that the Port and Docks Board had always taken a deep interest in the shipment of live stock from Dublin. Of late the subject had been engaging the attention of correspondents to the Press on both sides of the water. He personally had followed the correspondence very closely, because he realised that anything tending to improve the transit of Irish cattle was good for the country. From a humanitarian, from an industrial, and from an economic point of view he welcomed the publicity that the subject had received; but, in his opinion, many of the correspondents to the newspapers had not touched the kernel of the situation.

It had been a favourite practice to blame the carrying companies for anything and and everything that happened. Speaking on behalf of all the Dublin cross-Channel companies, he could say that they welcomed, from any quarter, criticism that had for its object the improvement of cattle transit, or the transit of anything across the Channel.

Some months ago a very representative deputation of live stock interests in Scotland came to Ireland to investigate the causes of the condition of Irish cattle arriving in Scotland. They visited the principal ports of Northern Ireland and of the Saorstat, saw for themselves the shipping arrangements, and watched the cattle being shipped. They then went down the country as far as Tipperary, attended some of the fairs, and watched how the cattle were handled there, and how they were loaded at the railway stations. They followed the cattle and saw them detrained and taken to the lairages.

ILL-TREATMENT AT FAIRS.

"That deputation conveyed to the shipping companies that their investigations had satisfied them that there was no complaint to make against the treatment of the cattle at the place of shipment or during the transit by sea, but that there were very grave complaints against the methods of handling them at the fairs and at the railway stations."

On November 28th last the Secretary of the Woodside and Wallasey Lairages, Live Stock and Meat Traders' Association, Ltd., a very important corporation, wrote a letter to the *Liverpool Echo*, in which he stated:—"It is the considered opinion of our members that most of the damage is done to the animals before they are shipped ex-Ireland."

He (Mr. Barry) hoped very sincerely that, as a result of the publicity given in the Dublin Press to that very important question, a sense of responsibility would reach those who are responsible, to a large extent, for the ill-treatment of those dumb animals. His company's people who attend the Irish fairs reported that generally at the railway stations there is a shortage of wagons, and that the desire to get cattle away as quickly as possible was largely the cause of the shocking treatment of cattle at the loading banks. It seemed curious that in the twentieth century a Government should be compelled to interfere on behalf of dumb animals, but he felt—and he said so with regret—that only some drastic reform in the law would bring into the Irish character that sense of humaneness towards unfortunate dumb beasts that ought to be in the breast of every human being.

He would not say that the conditions of transit even on cross-Channel steamers were perfect beyond improvement, but he would say fearlessly that the companies, one and all, were only too anxious and willing to do everything to improve those conditions. When the Irish Department of Agriculture made it compulsory to feed cattle before shipment, the shipping companies, at considerable capital expenditure, made arrangements therefor with alacrity and good-will because they recognised that the Order was a right one. Practically all the ships in the livestock trade are new, and are equipped to conform with all the regulations of the Boards of Agriculture on both sides of the Channel.

A MATTER FOR THE OWNERS.

"I say," he went on, "that if we can only get the cattle traders themselves—the men who own the cattle—to be alive to the interests that they represent, and if they will only take the matter in hand in conjunction with the authorities, who will support them, I think that we can do great things in developing our Irish cattle trade."

What was wanted was less letter-writing and something done—something tangible. Personally he would make it an offence punishable only by imprisonment for anyone to beat a dumb animal, and especially fat cattle. Various suggestions had been made, and he knew that the authorities were exercising their minds on the subject. In Great Britain only the London goad was allowed, and it was an offence to use an ashplant for driving cattle. The strange thing in Ireland was that a man was sent to jail only this week for using the goad. From an experience of many years he could assert that the London goad properly constructed and properly used was the humane thing to use. It was not the responsibility of the shipping companies to have the cattle driven from the lairages to the gangway of the steamer. That was the duty of the owner, but in Dublin, at any rate, the rule was that the owner left that job for anyone to do.

"I hope," he concluded, "that what I have said will throw more light on where the trouble lies. The remedy is with the live-stock owners' associations. There is no use in their crying out for other people to do what is their work. If those who own the cattle will only take an interest in their own traffic the question of damaged beef will disappear."

Mr. Ede endorsed Mr. Barry's statements, and Mr. Hewat pointed out that the Port and Docks Board had no control over the livestock at any stage of transit. Some people seemed to have a misconception of the powers of the Board in connection with trade in transit. All that the Board could do was to provide facilities for shipping.

IMPORTATION OF SHEEP INTO ISLE OF MAN.

The Department of Agriculture have been officially informed that, under the new regulations now in force, all sheep imported into the Isle of Man other than those imported for immediate slaughter are required to be dipped in an efficient dip once within fourteen days, and a second time within twenty-one days from the date of importation. The two dippings must take place at the destination specified in the importation licence, and no sheep must be removed until dipped as required. Notice in writing of each such dipping must be forwarded to the Government Secretary, Government Office, Isle of Man, within three days from the date on which dipping has been carried out.

CHILDREN'S FLORAL BALL.

The pupils of Miss A. Norton held a very successful Children's Floral Ball yesterday afternoon in the A.O.H. Hall, Parnell square, Dublin. Upwards of 80 youngsters, ranging from three or four to 16 years of age, took part in the function, and mingling together in the mazes of various dances presented a happy picture in their fancy costumes. The programme included classical and Irish dances, *pas seuls*, and songs, which were much enjoyed by a large audience.

The music was provided by Mr. Toomey's Band.

CHRISTMAS POSTAL TRAFFIC.

HUGE MAILS HANDLED IN DUBLIN.

The officials at headquarters of the Department of Post and Telegraphs are now satisfied that the Christmas traffic has been satisfactorily dealt with. In this respect Dublin compares favourably with London, where over a million letters and packets had to be left undelivered on Christmas Day and the following day.

The Free State Post Office had made special arrangements for the disposal of the heavy loads which the season usually brings to that branch of the public service. A temporary staff of about 680 was employed for the purpose. Collections and deliveries in the Metropolitan area were made in excellent time, notwithstanding the fact that the department's arrangements were seriously embarrassed by the public failing to post Christmas correspondence a few days early.

Some inconvenience, in addition, was caused by the delays in the British services, which resulted in the discharge into Dublin on Christmas Eve and the following days of large quantities of delayed mails.

A RECORD YEAR.

The volume of letters, including Christmas cards and packets, handled was considerably in excess of that of recent years. There was, however, a slight falling off in parcels traffic. American mails inward were heavy.

In the pressure period the mails from the United States contained about 1,350,000 ordinary letters and 22,000 registered letters and about 18,000 parcels.

In Dublin alone some 65,000 registered packets were handled, of which a considerable proportion were from the provinces. The number of parcels delivered in the Dublin area was in or about 70,000. Any little delay that occurred in collections and despatches was mainly due to the irregular arrival of cross-Channel mails, by the late running of the packets from Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire, caused, no doubt, by the abnormal passenger traffic and by the tempestuous weather which the vessels had to encounter.

BRITISH DELAYS.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

In a statement issued last night, the British Post Office says:—"The heaviest postings during the Christmas season make some delay over the ordinary course of post unavoidable, but this year the number of letters and parcels which suffered abnormal delay was admittedly much greater than usual, and the inconvenience to the recipients is sincerely regretted. The unusual delay was primarily due to two causes—(1) the phenomenal increase this Christmas in the posting both of letters and parcels, and (2) the neglect of a large section of the public to act upon the advice given them to post early.

"The following figures show the increase in the Christmas traffic in central London—excluding suburbs — as compared with Christmas 1923:—

	1923.	1924.
Ordinary letters—excluding packets, etc.—posted in Central London three days before Christmas...	7,800,000	10,800,000
Parcels posted in Central London three days before Christmas...	844,400	1,110,000
Parcels delivered in Central London Christmas Day and three previous days	440,000	500,000
Parcels bags despatched from London to provinces in Christmas week.........	Bags 190,000	Bags 230,000

"Similar increases were experienced in the foreign mails. Equivalent increases in the Christmas postings are reported from the provinces, Liverpool and Birmingham estimate an increase of 50 per cent., Manchester 25 per cent., and Sheffield 20 per cent., as compared with 1923.

"The most serious difficulty experienced by the Post Office was due to the abnormal influx of correspondence and parcels on the 23rd and 24th, in spite of the appeal to post early in the week. In Central London over 3,500,000 ordinary letters were posted on December 23rd, as compared with 2,100,00 on December 22nd, 1923, and 3,600,000 were posted on the 24th, as compared with 2,500,000 in 1923.

"In London about 5,700 temporary staff, were taken on to deal with the Christmas pressure, or about 500 more than last year. A larger number could not have been usefully employed owing to the space in the sorting offices being already utilised to the utmost."

THE SUGGESTED TAX ON CLOTHES.

VIEWS OF MANUFACTURERS IN LEEDS.

In connection with the views entertained in Dublin that clothing firms in Leeds may be compelled to establish factories in the Free State if a tariff is put upon made-up clothes and cloth, the *Yorkshire Post* states that inquiries in Leeds indicate that, for the time being, at any rate, there is little likelihood of Leeds manufacturers extending their operations to the Free State if a duty is imposed.

Discussing the question on Wednesday a Leeds manufacturer remarked that the risk of starting factories in the Free State was too great.

"There is no stability there," he said, "and there is always somebody on strike for something or other. Neither do I think that it would be possible to secure enough skilled operatives in, say, Dublin, to make the project of a factory worth while. It would probably mean recruiting hands from this side. I think the chances are quite against English clothing firms opening out in Free State Ireland, at all events in the next few years."

The extension of the Irish Free State protective tariffs to imported cloths and made-up garments is a possibility that is receiving the close attention of Leeds wholesale clothing firms, whose agents in Dublin are watching the development of the situation carefully. At present a considerable trade is done with both Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State by Leeds wholesale clothing houses, and the imposition of a 25 per cent. *ad valorem* duty on imports would, it is felt, exercise a prejudicial effect upon this trade.

The taxing of imported footwear at the rate of 15 per cent. has disturbed the trade done by Leeds with the Free State, but up to the present the firms concerned have taken no steps to manufacture in Ireland, with a view to overcoming the tariff barrier.

BELFAST CITY COUNCIL.

LORD MAYOR'S GREETINGS.

The Lord Mayor of Belfast (Sir William Turner), at the opening of the meeting of the Belfast Corporation yesterday, on behalf of the Lady Mayoress and himself, wished the members of the Council a happy and prosperous New Year.

"We look forward," he said, "in a spirit of hope to a speedy improvement in all industries, in order that suitable remunerative work may be forthcoming for all classes, and bring with it health, happiness and contentment."

The Lord Mayor expressed regret that some of the members of the Council had signified their intention of not seeking re-election. Their help, sound judgment and experience would be missed in the Council's deliberations.

Councillor Macartney, J.P., extended the greetings of his colleagues to the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress.

THE HONOURS LIST.

At a meeting of the Larne Urban Council yesterday, Sir William Brown was heartily congratulated on the honour of knighthood which has just been bestowed upon him.

Mr. S. Magill, the Chairman, in moving a resolution which placed on record the Council's appreciation of the many services that Sir William has rendered to the people of Larne during the past thirty years, said that no more popular honour could have been conferred.

Major-General Sir Archibald Montgomery, who has been made a K.C.B., is the second son of the late Right Hon. H. de Fellenberg Montgomery, of Blessingbourne, Fivemiletown, Co. Tyrone. He fought with distinction all through the war, and at present commands the 1st Division, Aldershot Command.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Abbey Church, Rutland square.—To-night (Friday), at 8 o'clock, Pre-Communion Service. Rev. Thomas Byers.

FOUR PRINCIPAL RAILWAYS.

AMALGAMATION NOW COMPLETE.

THE TRIBUNAL'S GOOD WISHES.

The Irish Railway Tribunal held a sitting in the City Hall, Dublin, yesterday in connection with the settlement of the amalgamation scheme between the Great Southern Railway Company and the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Company.

Judge D. J. O'Brien, K.C., presided, and the other members of the Tribunal—Messrs. John R. Kerr, C.E., and H. J. Mangan—were also present.

The Chairman said that it was with reluctance they sat that day, but it was in the interests of the public that they did so.

Some slight amendments were made in the scheme. When the question of the absorption of the Dublin and Kingstown Railway Company arose, Mr. Watson asked to be heard.

The Chairman asked if Mr. Watson admitted that the procedure in connection with the matter was in order.

Mr. Watson said that he held that the whole thing was irregular.

Mr. Stokes, Secretary of the company, gave evidence of calling the meeting of the Dublin and Kingstown Railway Company for December 30th by advertisement published in the *Irish Times* and by special notice sent by post. He also produced the minutes of the meeting.

SHAREHOLDER'S COMPLAINT.

Mr. Watson said that the shareholders were taken by surprise by the agreement submitted to the meeting on Tuesday. There was no one representing the shareholders except himself. Trustees did not care a lot.

The Chairman—Do not take us as approving that. That is a reflection on a number of conscientious people.

Mr. Watson said that he was making no reflection; but the trustees did not attend the meeting. He went on to deal with the events in detail, and urged that it was only right that the Kingstown Company shareholders should not be in a worse position than the four per cent. shareholders of the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Company.

The Chairman said that they were satisfied that all the matters had been properly considered, and they would give effect to the expression of the shareholders in the agreement.

Continuing, the Chairman said that the scheme was now complete, and it only remained to be signed and sealed. He thought that the day was an opportune one to wish God-speed to the new company, which comprised the four principal railways of the State.

GOOD WISHES TO NEW COMPANY.

"We wish it," he said, "speedy, progressive success, and we trust that the happiest relations will exist between the management and the workers and the people of the country, and between the new company and the other railway companies. We trust that their relations may be most co-operative and most cordial, and we hope that, with all working in harmony and with a long pull, a strong pull and a pull together, they will produce great benefit for the State. The interests of the railways and of the State are indissolubly bound together. Again we wish them God-speed."

The sitting then ended.

Mr. Serjeant Hanna, K.C., and Mr. James Geoghegan (instructed by Sir John O'Connell, solicitor) appeared for the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Company, and (instructed by Mr. Bailis Gage, solicitor) held a watching brief for the Great Northern Railway Company.

Mr. S. L. Brown, K.C.; Mr. E. J. Phelps, K.C., and Mr. E. J. Kelly (instructed by Mr. Edward White, solicitor) appeared for the Great Southern Railway Company.

Mr. W. M. Jellett, K.C., and Mr. Hewitt Poole (instructed by Mr. Ringwood, solicitor) represented the liquidator of the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company.

Mr. Jellett and Mr. Poole (instructed by Mr. McClelland, solicitor) represented the Dublin and Wicklow Railway Company, and (instructed by Mr. McDonald, solicitor) appeared for the Railway Clerks' Association.

Among those present were Senator the Right Hon. H. G. Burgess, General Manager London, Midland and Scottish Railway, and Mr. Michael Frederick Keogh, General Manager of the Amalgamated Company.

THE AMALGAMATED RAILWAYS.

SENATOR'S HOPEFUL VIEW.

Senator J. T. O'Farrell, Irish Secretary Railway Clerks' Association, speaking at a meeting of the Limerick branch of the Association (Mr. J. J. Barry in the chair), said that the year 1924 would rank as historic in Irish railway affairs, as it witnessed the first great legislative step towards the complete unification of Irish railways. The year 1925 would witness the practical development of the new policy, but the public would be wise not to expect any radical changes during the period of reconstruction, which period would extend over the whole of 1925, and possibly over part of the following year. Referring to the appeal of Senator Burgess for co-operation amongst the directors of the new company, he said that co-operation amongst the directors, important though it was, was not quite so essential as co-operation between the various departments of employés and between the latter and the management. This co-operation would be encouraged by the extension to the workers of that spirit of generosity manifested by the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway shareholders towards their redundant directors.

He noticed a tendency on the part of the new company to dispense with the services of its oldest employés—men who had borne the heat and toil of the day on rates of pay much less favourable than those now prevailing. Any attempt to turn these men adrift, without providing them in their few remaining years with the wherewithal to keep themselves in reasonable comfort, would be deeply resented by all sections of the staff. There seemed to be an impression in the mind of the company that employés advanced in years could be cut adrift without any financial consideration, but this was an erroneous and cruel impression, and any attempt to act on this basis would certainly eventuate in serious trouble.

The new Great Southern Company would have over 450 stations, and the present clerical and supervisory staff numbered about 2,300, of whom over 250 were female clerks. Many legal questions respecting claims for compensation for disturbance would arise; but the Association had an expert legal department capable of dealing effectively with all such questions. The Railway Clerks' Association had increased in membership during 1924 by over 9,000, whilst £56,000 had been added to its financial reserves, which were now nearly £300,000. To deal effectively with modern industrial requirements, trade unions required to be organised on a highly scientific basis, which would enable them to have as intimate a knowledge of the industry affected as had the employers; so that they might, therefore, be able to assist in a material way towards making the industry a success, and be able to appreciate not only the advantages, but also the difficulties, in the way. It was due to shortcomings in this respect that some trade unions were coming to grief and finding themselves utterly unable to face the other side when financial and legislative questions affecting any particular industry were being discussed. There was no need for pessimism because of the present depression in trade, which was world-wide. All the signs pointed towards a speedy recovery, and the new railway could, and would, play a vital part in that recovery as far as the Saorstat was concerned.

Mr. J. J. Barry was elected Chairman and Mr. P. J. Garvey Secretary for 1925, whilst Mr. J. Barry was elected Irish Council delegate.

A FARMER AND HIS GUN.

At the Midleton, County Cork, District Sessions yesterday James Twomey, farmer, Carrigtwohill, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for having an unlicensed shot gun in his possession. The gun was discovered by a Civic Guard sergeant in a settle.

BELFAST EDUCATION.

£196,736 TO BE SPENT NEXT YEAR.

The financial scheme of the Belfast Education Authority for the year ending 31st March, 1926, came before the Belfast Corporation yesterday. The total amount that it is proposed to expend upon revenue services is £76,736, and the capital expenditure is estimated at £120,000.

In the revenue services the cost of administration is estimated at £13,850, of which £7,000 is for salaries and wages of officials, including school attendance officers, and £3,000 for the remuneration of architects and draughtsmen and clerks of works. The expenditure upon elementary education includes £6,500 for the maintenance and repair of fifty provided and transferred schools, £2,500 for the furniture and fittings of fifty buildings, £4,500 for the lighting, heating and cleaning of fifty schools.

For voluntary schools a sum of £4,250 is placed on the estimates for the heating, lighting and cleaning of 142 buildings; £2,000 for the equipment and general upkeep of 100 buildings.

A sum of £2,200 is estimated for the assistance of pupils at intermediate or secondary schools; £600 for assisting students at the university; £57,300 for technical instruction, less £42,000 from Government grants and fees from students.

£10,000 is estimated for the medical (including dental) inspection of school children, and £6,000 for the feeding of necessitous children. £1,000 will be devoted to the care and education of afflicted children.

The sum of £120,000 under capital expenditure will be devoted to the purchase of sites and erection of school buildings and capital expenditure on voluntary schools.

Alderman James A. Duff, M.P., Chairman of the Committee, explained that the estimates were subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Education, and he deferred detailed references to the estimates until a later date.

A resolution was adopted as follows:—

"To apply to the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland for sanction to loans of (1) £30,000 for the erection of the proposed public elementary school in Euston street; and (2) £26,000 for the erection of the proposed public elementary school in Templemore avenue."

Alderman Duff said that he understood that the foundation stones of those schools would be laid on 21st January.

DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT.

TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN CHARGED.

(Before Mr. Mark Cooper.)

"If Nelson's Pillar fell they'd say I done it," exclaimed a convict on licence, who was charged yesterday by Detective-Sergeant Cullinan with failing to report to the police.

Accused, it appeared, had been released from prison on "ticket-of-leave" last May, and was obliged to report once a month to the police until March next. He had gone to England, where he had got casual work in various parts and failed to acquaint the authorities here. Returning in December to see his wife and child, he was arrested on Christmas Day.

Mr. Cooper allowed him out on his own bail, on condition that he would report to the police every month.

INFORMATIONS REFUSED

IN CASE FOLLOWING MOTOR ACCIDENT.

At Kingstown District Court yesterday Mr. Cussen, District Justice, refused informations in the case of Mrs. Rebecca F. Brown, who was charged with causing the death of Edward Glendon, of Kill, o' the Grange, at Mountbrown road on December 15th, by driving a motor car against him.

Mr. Cussen said that it was a very unfortunate and regrettable accident. The deceased man, who was old, was probably overcome by weakness and fell on the road. There was no evidence that he had drink taken. He did not see from the evidence that he could hold this lady guilty of the charge.

The fact that Mrs. Brown had used a windscreen wiper all the way from Dublin showed that there had been no neglect on her part.

TOURIST TRAFFIC.

ADVERTISING THE NORTH'S ATTRACTIONS.

The Belfast Corporation yesterday gave a grant of £300 towards the cost of a publication, which is to be issued by the Ulster Tourist Development Association.

Alderman Jameson said that while he welcomed the idea of advertising the city, he thought that the cost ought to be borne by the Northern Government, which had destroyed the tourist traffic by the restrictions that it had placed on hotels, particularly on Sundays. It was pathetic to see the exodus from Belfast by steamer at the week-ends, so that people could evade the irksome conditions which prevailed in the city.

Councillor Wilson said that he deprecated any attack on the Northern Government. If they wanted to bring people from across the water they must do away entirely with the scenes that were formerly witnessed on a Sunday. The news should be broadcast throughout England that the public houses were closed on Sundays.

MILITARY AND POLICE BANNED.

DECISION OF SOUTH GALWAY G.A.A.

At the annual Convention of the South Galway Board of the Gaelic Athletic Association, at Gort on Saturday last,

Mr. J. Stanford, who was elected Vice-Chairman, said that he wanted the G.A.A. to conserve its ranks and be a nationalist association as in old days. There was no room for police or military within its fold in 1916. The issue was the same to-day. He proposed that the exclusion rule be enforced as against the new *régime*.

Mr. Gibbons, who was re-elected Chairman, seconded the resolution, which was passed unanimously.

RAILWAY DIRECTORS THANKED.

At a special meeting of the Wexford Branch of the Railway Clerks' Association, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

"This meeting, representing the stationmasters and clerks on the Southern division of the Dublin South-Eastern Railway, return thanks to Mr. Reddy and Mr. Birney, the shareholders and directors, for their generosity in voting that the sum of £5,000 be divided amongst the officers, stationmasters and clerks, as a bonus in appreciation for their services in the past."

KILLESTER CHILDREN'S PARTY.

All the children under fourteen years of age belonging to families on the Killester (Co. Dublin) ex-Servicemen's estate were invited to a "Christmas Party," held at Clontarf Town Hall yesterday. Invitations to the number of 450 were issued by the Legion of ex-Servicemen, which has a strong branch at Killester. A similar entertainment was held last year in "The Hut," the clubroom on the Killester estate, but by taking Clontarf Town Hall for the occasion, the Legion was enabled to invite a larger number of children. There are about 250 cottages on the estate, and as one of the considerations governing the choice of tenants was the size of the families requiring accommodation, the number of children of school age (for whom, by the way, there is no schoolhouse on or near the estate) runs into hundreds.

A committee of residents made the arrangements for the entertainment, and guided the amusements of the children during the afternoon, and during the last hour a number of the parents were admitted to view the merry scene. A big Christmas tree was one of the delights of the party; toys were distributed; tea was provided, and there were games and music.

The cost of the entertainment was subscribed by friends of the Legion. Mr. W. P. Walker, chairman, represented the Legion headquarters.

IRISH CATTLE PRICES IMPROVE.

STALLFEEDING PROSPECTS.

LOSSES FROM FLUKE.

Stockowners had no reason to feel dissatisfied with the tone of trade in the Dublin Cattle Market yesterday. For sheep and cattle in prime condition there was a keen inquiry, and the prices realised before the Christmas holidays were repeated.

For lots that could hardly be regarded as "finished" the demand was somewhat slow, and it was only with difficulty that such animals could be cashed. It has also to be noted that prime fat stock sold to better advantage than at the New Year market of 1924. This is shown by the range of prices for each New Year's market:—

	1924.	1925.
Prime stallfeds ...	47/- to 52/-	53/- to 57/-
Prime outfieds ...	44/- to 47/-	48/- to 52/-
Prime bullocks....	44/- to 52/-	53/6 to 58/-
Prime heifers	45/- to 49/-	50/- to 56/-

Sheep last year ranged up to 75s. and 80s. per head, or about 1s. 1d. per lb., but while the prices at yesterday's market were much the same, the value per lb. worked out at over 1s. 3d. This is stated to be due to the poor way in which sheep are killing. Hoggets lambs yesterday sold exceedingly well, bringing up to 80s. per head, and about 1s. 6d. per lb.

There is also an advance in the price of dairy cows. On New Year's Day, 1924, they ranged from £20 to £30. At yesterday's market the top price amounted to £40.

STOCK TRADE PROSPECTS.

When questioned as to the prospects of the trade, a leading Dublin cattle salesmaster told an *Irish Times* representative yesterday that, as regards stallfeeding, there would be fewer cattle feeding next spring. The turnip crop had been a partial failure all over the country, and in cases where it was a middling crop it could not be got out of the ground owing to the sodden state of the land.

As, owing to the wet season, cattle now being finished did not go into their stalls in as good condition as usual, they were not coming out as well as could be wished. The amount of hay available, he said, was very poor in quality, and cattle generally had seldom been in worse condition for the time of year.

In this respect, he added, stockowners on the other side of the Channel do not seem to be any better off.

Sheep have been similarly affected by the unfavourable season, those now coming to market cutting up badly. In addition, flockowners have suffered enormous losses owing to the prevalence of liver fluke. In many cases the losses from liver fluke amount to 50 per cent. of a whole flock.

BELFAST TRAMWAY REPORT.

PUBLICATION "A BREACH OF HONOUR."

Councillor Henderson, at the meeting of the Belfast Corporation yesterday, drew attention to the minute of the Sub-Committee, which stated:—

"The three members appointed on the 17th ultimo to draft, for presentation to the General Purposes Committee, a report as to the investigations made regarding the tramways undertaking, submitted their draft report. The report was slightly amended, and the members present, with the exception of Alderman Nixon, agreed to accept it, and, on the motion of Alderman M'Connell, it was resolved:—'That the report be approved of and submitted to the General Purposes Committee for their consideration.'"

In the opinion of Councillor Henderson, there was no necessity for the Committee, and he was proceeding to discuss the position relating to the general manager when

The Lord Mayor said—That is not in order on these minutes.

Councillor Henderson said that he wanted to move the omission of the tramways matter. He was quite satisfied that the general manager was perfectly competent, and he was a Belfastman. He (the councillor) wanted to know who supplied reports of the Committee meetings, which were supposed to be strictly confidential, to the Press.

The Town Clerk (Sir Robert Meyer) said that the matter referred to by Councillor Henderson was still under consideration, on a reference from the Council. There were other matters in the minutes which required confirmation, but the matter of the tramways, being *sub judice*, was not open at that stage for consideration.

Councillor Henderson accordingly moved the omission from the minutes of all reference to the tramways undertaking. He said that it was unfair to send a report which was strictly confidential to one newspaper.

The Lord Mayor—On that point you are quite right. It is most unfortunate that this got into the hands of the Press—from what channel I do not know, but it was a breach of honour.

SUICIDE'S WARNING.

REMARKABLE LETTER READ AT INQUEST.

A remarkable letter was read at an inquest in Omagh yesterday on Robert Worling, who died from carbolic acid poisoning on the previous day. The jury found that Worling drank the acid while suffering from mental depression. The letter, which was written in a notebook that was found in his pocket, was as follows:—

"Some people have the will power to know when they have enough drink taken, but, unfortunately for me, it is quite the reverse, which has left me in a position, as regards my sisters and parents—an outcast and black sheep. I trust and pray that my career may be an example of which none of my nephews may ever be guilty. When we enter life we little dream of the stormy path that winds before us, the stumbling blocks and traps which Satan puts in our way. Alas, how many fall! Some recover and steer through life's remaining years to that haven where the weary and heavy laden find rest, in that home where day and night are all alike.

"All my days are torture, and night a hideous nightmare. I wake in the morning from an unrefreshing sleep to start a day of toil which is a very agony—lie down at night and fall into a delirium which only assists to put the mind into a mood which leaves me without energy, mentally or physically. I write this, not for my own drunken escapades, but for those whom I had as chums, who have waltzed along the broad road to destruction.—Signed, Disasterous."

It was stated that Worling has been in ill-health for several years, and had been commended several times by his employers for his industry. The letter was a quotation from a book.

The Coroner said that he would not consider the letter as evidence.

NEW ISSUE.

3½ P.C. CONVERSION LOAN.

A new offer of 3½ per cent. Conversion Loan is announced in our advertisement columns. The tenders for the new stock are to be received at the Bank of England next Thursday, and the minimum tender that will be considered will be at 77¼ per cent. As the stock will carry a full half year's interest, payable on April 1, it caused the existing stock to drop from 78¼ to 77¼. The tenders must be for £10,000 or multiples of £10,000, and 5 per cent. of the money must be paid on application. The balance will be due on Friday, January 16, but subscribers may postpone payment until any subsequent Friday up to February 6, by paying interest at 3½ per cent. from January 16 to the date of payment. It is assumed that the offer is being made to provide funds for the repayment of the balance of the 5¾ per cent. Exchequer Bonds not converted in the recent offer. As the amount outstanding is about £53,000,000, it will be seen that on the basis of the minimum tender it will be necessary to raise a nominal amount of stock of rather more than £68,000,000.

The United States Shipping Board announce the resignation of Mr. E. G. Booth, European advertising manager of the Shipping Board and United States Lines. Mr. Booth will enter private shipping in America.

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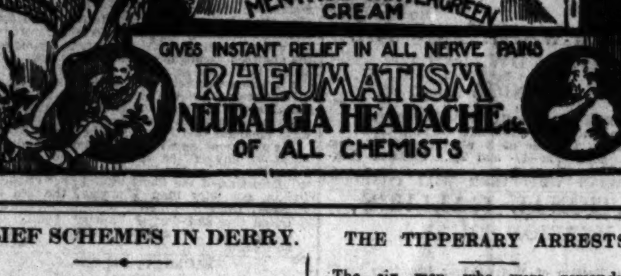

RELIEF SCHEMES IN DERRY.

THEIR COST TO THE CITY.

At a special meeting of the Derry Corporation it was decided to comply with the request of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland that the Council should undertake schemes for the purpose of relieving unemployment in the city.

Mr. M. A. Robinson, the City Surveyor, submitted nine schemes for street relaying, concreting of footpaths, the laying of new water mains, and the painting of Corporation property. The total cost of the work, he estimated, would be £9,229, of which £5,101 would be for labour and £4,128 for material. The Government grant would be roughly £4,000, so that the Corporation would have about £5,000 odd to pay. During the period April to December of 1924, there had been a total expenditure in connection with relief works of £10,350 9s. 5d.

Councillor Magee said he considered that the Northern Government were not doing as much as they should in regard to new works. The Government had pressed the Corporation to go on with relief schemes, and for the last year and nine months the Corporation had spent out of the rates £15,871, while the Government had only given them in grants £6,300.

Councillor Captain Walton said that since last April the Corporation had gone into debt in connection with relief schemes to the extent of 1s. 4d. in the £, and the present schemes would mean another 1s. 1d. in the £.

Alderman McFarland criticised the relief schemes at present in progress, and said that the Corporation and ratepayers were being sunk in debt which would ultimately ruin the city.

The Mayor said that he approved of proceeding with some sort of relief schemes, but it should be borne in mind that if the manufacturers were over-taxed they would not be able to face outside competition. They had to remember the trade of the city, and not so over-tax it as to cause even greater unemployment. They would have to avoid moving in a vicious circle.

It was decided to refer the report to a Committee of the chairmen of the different Committees, together with Alderman McFarland, with powers to decide on what schemes should be taken in hand.

A PIT HORROR.

PINNED MINER'S FINGERS AMPUTATED.

The King has awarded the Edward Silver Medal to Vincent Elwick and George Wilson, miners, of Murton Colliery, Durham, for gallant conduct in rescuing two fellow-workmen in a pit at Murton Colliery on October 25.

Elwick and Wilson, at great personal risk, extricated two men, named Place and McNally, from under a heavy fall of roof. McNally was fastened securely by the hand between a fallen beam and the top of a coal tub, and, all efforts to release him having failed, a tourniquet was applied to his arm and three of his fingers were cut off with a joiner's chisel.

Ten minutes later one hundred and fifty tons of roof fell.

UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASES.

The number of persons on the registers of the employment exchanges in Great Britain last week was 1,159,100, an increase of 10,625 compared with the figures for the previous week.

Mr. William M. Wood has resigned the presidency of the American Woollen Company which he has held for 35 years. He is reported to be seriously ill.

THE TIPPERARY ARRESTS.

The six men who were remanded at Tipperary on Wednesday evening, charged with the wilful murder of Mr. Matthew Ryan, farmer, Bollercrowe, Tipperary, on December 22nd, were removed from Tipperary to Limerick Prison.

The men, who were handcuffed in pairs, were marched to the railway station in charge of four Civic Guards. Two armed soldiers were present on the platform.

ARCHBISHOP HORRIFIED.

The following letter, addressed to Archdeacon Cotter, P.P., from the Most Rev. Dr. Harty, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, was read at all the Masses in St. Michael's Church, Tipperary, on Thursday:—

MY DEAR ARCHDEACON,—With feelings of horror and indignation I have heard of the frightful murder in Tipperary. Will you convey my deep sympathy to the relatives of the heroic victim of the assassin's bullet and to the people of Tipperary, whose Christmas joy is dimmed by the callous crime. I fervently hope that the murderers will be discovered, and that Christian society will be happily rid of these cowardly pests.

Archdeacon Cotter at Mass referred to the murder, and said that if some people were afraid to go to the Civic Guards with information leading to its detection they could come to the priests.

The Rev. M. Hennessy said that this was a crime that ought to be denounced by all. Anyone who had any information to give ought to give it bravely and boldly; people must not be afraid, because they had only cowards to deal with. The perpetrators of such a crime were not fit companions for the demons in hell.

THE BILLPOSTERS' STRIKE.

In a letter to us concerning the billposting dispute in Dublin, Messrs. David Allen and Sons, Billposting, Ltd., state:—Handbills have been distributed by pickets outside our premises containing the following:—"This firm have locked out 15 of their men for refusing to allow themselves to become involved in the strike between the employés of the Tivoli Theatre and management."

We think it right that the public should be informed of the facts. Our men having refused to obey lawful orders, we had no option but to close down meanwhile forthwith. There was no question involved in regard to wages or hours; neither our firm nor our employés were in any way concerned with disputes existing elsewhere. Our men took up the position that it was for them to decide what bills they would or would not handle. We regret exceedingly that such an issue should have been forced upon us involving, not only disemployment to our men, but serious financial loss to us. We had, however, no alternative.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICES.

The customary New Year's Day Services were held in the majority of the Dublin churches yesterday, with sermons and celebrations of the Holy Communion.

In Christ Church Cathedral the *Te Deum* and *Benedictus* were sung to the setting of Grey in D. The anthem was "Blessed is He" (Stanford). The Dean preached. At the Evening Service the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* were set to Stainer in A, and the anthem was "Blessed is He" (Kitson).

Evening Services, in addition to Morning Services, were held in other churches.

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A Form of Tender and a copy of the Conditions of Contract may be obtained on application to this Office or the Office of the Park Bailiff, Whitefields, Phœnix Park. Contractors tendering will be held to have accepted these conditions.

In considering the placing of this Contract special regard will be had to the extent to which firms submitting Tenders employ, or are prepared to employ, demobilised members of the National Army.

The Commissioners will not be bound to accept the lowest or any Tender.

J. J. HEALY, Secretary.
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TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS.

The Directors are prepared to receive Tenders for the Erection of an ELECTRIC SWITCH ROOM at Amiens street Station, Dublin.

The Drawings and Specification may be inspected at the Engineer's Offices, Dublin and Belfast, on and after Monday, January 5th, and Tender Forms, with Bills of Quantities, can be obtained from the undersigned on payment of two guineas, which will be refunded on receipt of a bona fide quotation.

Tenders should be delivered, under sealed cover, endorsed "Tender for Switch Room," not later than 10.0 a.m. on Monday, 19th January.

The directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

J. B. STEPHENS, Secretary.
Amiens street Station, Dublin.
1st January, 1925.

SERMONS.

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH,
LOWER DRUMCONDRA ROAD.
THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING, at 8 o'clock.
CAROL SERVICE.
Soloists—MADAME ALICIA KEOGH
MR. ROBERT COBBE,
THE BUCHANAN GLEE PARTY.
"A TALK ON CAROLS,"
CANON D. F. R. WILSON, M.A.,
Silver Collection in aid of Protestant Orphan Society.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE
UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4,
GILFORD HALL, SANDYMOUNT, at 4 p.m.
Preacher—Rev. B. R. GENTLEMAN.
Meetings elsewhere each day as announced.
ALL ARE INVITED.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL.
6.45 .... TWICE NIGHTLY .... 9.0.
ROBERT HALE and TOM REYNOLDS
Present a New Revue,
PUPPETS.
FULL STAR CAST INCLUDES:—
ROBERT HALE, NORA DELANY.
THE TEN PUPPETS, Etc., Etc.

TIVOLI (6.45 and 9. Tel. 4125.) THEATRE
SECOND WEEK OF THE FAMOUS
DIXIE MINSTRELS
In an Entirely New Programme.
Eileen O'Mara. Griff. Kioto and Rene.
All previous records at the Tivoli broken. Patrons are advised to come to the First House each night, as Hundreds are unable to gain admission to the second performance.
DO NOT MISS THE "DIXIES."

THE PAVILION,
DUN LAOGHAIRE. 3 o'clock to 10.15.
IMMENSE SUCCESS! LAST 2 DAYS OF
THE GREAT WHITE WAY.
At 3.35, 6.0, and 8.35. Comedy, Inkwell, Felix, etc.
Monday: "RICHARD THE LION-HEARTED."

LA SCALA THEATRE.
SPECIAL ATTRACTION. "NELLIE,"
The Beautiful Cloak-Model, with Claire Windsor, Edmund Lowe, Mae Busch, Lew Cody, Hobart Bosworth. SHOWING at 4 o'clock, 6.30, 9 o'clock.
The Melodrama of 1,000 Thrills that penetrates Fashion's secret haunts, revealing the adventures and perils of the beautiful Models who grace the jewelled byways of PEACOCK ALLEY.
Episode 5: "MECHANISM OF A MOTOR CAR."

THE GRAFTON.
THIS WEEK,
"THE RECKLESS AGE,"
WITH
REGINALD DENNY.
Orchestra under the direction of Madame Van Aalst, late Leader of the Opera House, London.
MUSICAL INTERLUDE AT 4 and 8.15 P.M.

IN AID OF THE JUBILEE NURSES FUND
A GRAND BALL
WILL TAKE PLACE AT
WOODBROOK, BRAY
(By kind permission of Sir Stanley Cochrane, Bart.),
On TUESDAY, JANUARY 20th, 1925, at 9 p.m.
THE LADY ARDEE WILL ACT AS HOSTESS.
Under the Patronage of:
His Excellency the Governor-General.
The Marquis and Marchioness of Headfort,
The Earl of Meath, K.P.,
The Earl and Countess of Granard,
The Earl of Wicklow,
The Earl of Dunraven, K.P.,
Viscount and Viscountess Powerscourt,
Viscount and Viscountess de Vesci,
The Lord and Lady Ardee,
The Lord and Lady Dunsany,
The Countess of Ossory.
Tickets, £1 1/ (including supper).
May be obtained from
The Lady Ardee, Kilruddery, Bray.
Mrs. Hodson, Holybrook, Bray.
Major R. Manders, Killiney House, Killiney.
Hon. Secretary, Woodbrook, Bray.
Piggott's, Grafton street, Dublin.
MANAHAN'S No. 1 BAND (personally conducted).

LEGAL NOTICES.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
IN THE COURT OF THE RAILWAY TRIBUNAL.
THE RAILWAYS ACT, 1924.
In the Matter of

THE ABSORPTION BY THE GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY OF THE ABSORBED COMPANIES FOLLOWING:—
Athenry and Tuam Extension to Claremorris Railway Company Limited.
Ballinascarthy and Timoleague Junction Light Railway Company.
Ballinrobe and Claremorris Light Railway Company Limited.
Cavan and Leitrim Railway Company, Limited.
Cork and Muskerry Light Railway Company Limited.
Donoughmore Extension Light Railway Company Limited.
Loughrea and Attymon Light Railway Company Limited.
Schull and Skibbereen Tramway and Light Railway Company (West Carberry Tramways and Light Railways Company, Limited).
South Clare Railways Company, Limited.
Timoleague and Courtmacsherry Extension Light Railway Company.
Tralee and Dingle Light Railway Company Limited.
West Clare Railway Company Limited.

Whereas under the provisions of the Railways Act, 1924 (hereinafter called "the Act") the several amalgamating companies named in the first column of the First Schedule thereto, have been amalgamated and the Company formed thereby has, under the provisions of the Great Southern Railways Amalgamation Scheme, 1925, been incorporated under the name of the Great Southern Railways Company;

And whereas the said Amalgamating Companies failed to submit in accordance with the provisions of the Act an agreed scheme for the absorption of any of the absorbed Companies named in the second column of the said First Schedule:

Notice is hereby given that the Court of the Railway Tribunal will sit at the Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin, on Monday, the 19th day of January, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of determining in accordance with the Act the terms and conditions of absorption by and of transfer to the Great Southern Railways Company of the undertakings of each of the above-named absorbed Companies (being some of the absorbed Companies named in the second column of the said First Schedule), with a view to preparing a Scheme or Schemes for the absorption of the said several absorbed Companies and to hear representations in the said matter from the said several absorbed Companies from the Great Southern Railways Company and from any other interested parties.

Six copies of any representations intended to be made by any of the said Companies or by other interested parties should be furnished in writing to the Registrar of the Court at 3 Upper Castle Yard, Dublin, not later than Thursday, the 8th day of January, 1925.

Dated this 2nd day of January, 1925.
JOHN O'BRIEN, Registrar.
23/G8788. W.H.Co.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
IN THE COURT OF THE RAILWAY TRIBUNAL.
THE RAILWAYS ACT, 1924.
In the Matter of

THE ABSORPTION BY THE GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS COMPANY of the absorbed Companies following:—
Baltimore Extension Railway Company, Limited;
Bantry Extension Railway Company;
Clonakilty Extension Railway Company;
Cork, Blackrock and Passage Railway Company;
Cork and Macroom Direct Railway Company;
Cork City Railways;
Dublin and Kingstown Railway Company;
Southern Railway Company;
Tralee and Fenit Railway Company;
And
Waterford and Tramore Railway Company.

Whereas, under the provisions of the Railways Act, 1924 (hereinafter called "the Act"), the several amalgamating Companies named in the first column of the First Schedule thereto have been amalgamated and the Company formed thereby has, under the provisions of the Great Southern Railways Amalgamation Scheme, 1925, been incorporated under the name of the Great Southern Railways Company.

And whereas the said amalgamating Companies failed to submit, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, an agreed Scheme for the absorption of any of the absorbed Companies named in the second column of the said First Schedule.

Notice is hereby given that the Court of the Railway Tribunal will sit at the Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin, on Monday, the 12th day of January, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of determining, in accordance with the Act, the terms and conditions of absorption by and of transfer to the Great Southern Railways Company of the undertakings of each of the above-named absorbed Companies (being some of the absorbed Companies named in the second column of the said First Schedule) with a view to preparing a Scheme or Schemes for the absorption of the said several absorbed Companies, and to hear representations in the said matter from the several absorbed Companies from the Great Southern Railways Company and from any other interested parties.

Six copies of any representations intended to be made by any of the said Companies, or by other interested parties, should be furnished in writing to the Registrar of the Court at 3 Upper Castle Yard, Dublin, not later than Thursday, the 8th day of January, 1925.

Dated this 2nd day of January, 1925.
JOHN O'BRIEN, Registrar.
23/G8790. W.H.Co.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
Pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Justice Made in an Action,
ANNE MORAN, Plaintiff;
JOHN FARRELL, Defendant.

All persons claiming to be Incumbrancers affecting Part of the Lands of Fennor, containing 147a. 3r. 7p., or thereabouts, Statute measure, situate in the Barony of West Offaly, in the County of Kildare, being the Lands comprised in Folio No. 280, of the Land Register of said county, are, by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their claims at Chambers, Law Courts, Dublin, on or before the 4th day of February, 1925, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order.

Every such Incumbrancer holding any security is to produce the same at Chambers, Law Courts, Dublin, on the 11th day of February, 1925, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1924.
JOHN HEALY, Chief Clerk.
ALFRED W. GLOVER, Solicitor for Plaintiff, 20 Wicklow street, Dublin.

IMPORTANT TO SOLICITORS.

From the 1st May, 1924, the charge for their advertisements under Legal Notice heading, or in any other advertising column of this paper (save "Agony" or Personal), is 1/6 per line, with a minimum of 10/6.

THE MANAGER.

JAMAICAN EMIGRATION.—A proposal for the appointment of a representative of Jamaica to the Staff of the British Legation in Cuba will shortly be submitted to the Legislative Council of the colony. The object in view is to safeguard more effectively the interests of the large number of Jamaicans employed in Cuba, and if the experiment fails it may be necessary for the Jamaican Government to consider anew the expediency of prohibiting the emigration of Jamaican subjects to Cuba.

J. W. ELVERY & CO., LTD.
WATERPROOF AND SPORT OUTFITTERS
LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S WATERPROOF COATS,
FROM 25/-.
LEATHER MOTOR COATS,
TEDDY LINED, FROM £6 6/-.
LEATHERETTE COATS,
FROM £2 2/-.
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£3 10/-.
COVERT COATINGS,
FROM £5 5/-.
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PATTERNS AND PRICES ON APPLICATION.
POST ORDERS CAREFULLY ATTENDED.
ELEPHANT HOUSE,
45 & 46 LR. O'CONNELL ST.
75 MIDDLE ABBEY STREET.
34 NASSAU STREET.
65 DAWSON STREET.
DUBLIN.
Also at CORK and LONDON.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

COIMISIUN UM STAT SHEIRBHIS.

EXAMINATION FOR JUNIOR ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS.

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Examination already announced for 13th instant is Cancelled.

An Open Competitive Examination, open to Men and Women, for Six Places as Junior Administrative Officers, will be held on TUESDAY, 14th APRIL next, and following days.

AGE LIMITS:—20-25 on 1st December, 1924, with certain extensions.
SALARY:—Men £150-£500, Women £130-£380, with appropriate bonus.
SUBJECTS:—Compulsory: Irish, Essay, General Knowledge, Viva Voce.
Optional: Several recognised Courses for Honours, University Degrees.

Syllabus, Regulations, and further particulars from
AN RUNAIDHE,
33 Faithche Naoimh Stiophain,
Baile Atha Cliath.
1adh Eanair, 1925.
23/G 8792. W.H.Co.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION.
APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT MEDICAL REFEREES.

THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION invite applications from registered Medical Practitioners, with a knowledge of general practice, and not over 45 years of age, for three vacant appointments as District Medical Referee, under the National Health Insurance Acts, for the purpose of providing second medical opinions for Approved Societies. The appointment in each case is a whole-time temporary one, and will terminate on 31st December, 1925. Salary will be at the rate of £600 a year, together with travelling expenses and subsistence allowances. A preference will be given to ex-National Army candidates. Persons appointed will be required to reside at Headquarters to be assigned by the Commission. Appointments will be made by means of a Selection Board to be set up by the Civil Service Commissioners. Forms of application and further particulars may be obtained from The Secretary, National Health Insurance Commission, Upper Mount Street, Dublin. The latest date for receiving applications will be Monday, 12th January, 1925.
23/G8776. W.H.Co.

SCOIL EALADHAN NA h-ARD-CHATHRACH.
METROPOLITAN SCHOOL OF ART.

Sráid Chill Dara, Baile Atha Cliath.	Kildare street, Dublin.
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SECLAIREACHT.	JEWELLERY.
GLOINE DAITHTE.	STAINED GLASS.
BROIDINEIREACHT.	EMBROIDERY.
OBAIR LEATHAIR.	LEATHERWORK.
Osclófar na Ranganna le h-aghaidh fuighligh de'n tSeisiún 1924/25, dé Ceadaoin, an 7adh lá d'Eanair.	Classes will Open for the remainder of the Session 1924/25 on Wednesday, 7th January.
Ranganna Lae 10 a.m. go 3.30 p.m.	Day Classes 10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.
Ranganna Trathnona 7 p.m. go 9 p.m. Ach amháin dé Sathairn.	Evening Classes 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Saturdays excepted).
Geobhfar gach tuairisc eile agus cuntas fa na tailli ata le h-íoc ag na mic-léighinn	For further particulars and statement of fees payable by students apply to
On CHLARADOIR.	THE REGISTRAR.

23/G.8748. W.H.Co.

BANK OF IRELAND, DUBLIN.
1st January, 1925.
In order to prepare the Dividend payable on the 1st February, 1925, the Balances of the several accounts in Bank Stock will be struck on the night of Tuesday, the 13th inst. Transfers may be made on or after the 14th inst. ex dividend.
By Order,
ROBERT J. BUCKLEY, Secretary.

I HEREBY give notice that I intend to apply at the District Court, Limerick, for a renewal of the Registration of the County Club, Limerick, which is situated in O'Connell street, Limerick, and is solely used for social purposes.
G. E. FARMER, Secretary.
1st January, 1925.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference. — *A very deep, intense depression, passing eastward across the North of Scotland, will maintain stormy weather over the British Isles generally, with rain, hail or snow at times and a variable temperature.*

Ireland. — *Wind between south-west and north-west, strong to a gale at times; showers of rain, hail or snow, with bright intervals; visibility good; temperature falling.*

All Irish Seaboards. — *Squally south-westerly to westerly winds and gales; showers and brighter intervals; visibility moderate or good; very rough seas.*

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Forecasters, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt)

BAROMETER.
Dublin—Thursday (5 p.m.) 29.30

SUN.

	Rises		Sets	
To-day	8.40	Sets	....	4.18
To-morrow	8.40	,,	....	4.19
Lighting-up	Time		....	5.18

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—"Cinderella," 7.30 p.m.
Theatre Royal—"Puppets," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Olympia Theatre—"Babes in the Wood," 7 and 9.
Queen's Theatre—"Puss-in-Boots," 6.50 and 9 p.m.
Abbey Theatre—"The Glorious Uncertainty," 8.
Tivoli Theatre—Dixie Minstrels, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
La Scala Theatre—"Nellie," 4, 6.30, and 9 p.m.
Metropole Cinema—"Those Who Dance," 2.30, 4.45, 7, and 9.15 p.m.
Bohemian Picture Theatre—"Don't Get Excited," 4.30 to 10.30 p.m.
Grafton Picture House—"The Reckless Age."
Princess, Rathmines—"Pioneer Trails."
The Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"The Great White Way," 3.35, 6 and 8.35 p.m.
Sandford Parochial Hall—"Snow-White and the Seven Dwarfs," 7.45 p.m.
National Gallery, Merrion square—Exhibition of Water-Colour Drawings.
Rotary Club Christmas Tree, Mansion House, 4.15.
Standing Committee, Cumann na nGaedheal.
Irish Civil Service Building Society, 25 Westmoreland street, 4 p.m.
New Ireland Assurance Society, 12 Dawson street, 11 a.m.
R.D.S. Juvenile Lecture, College of Surgeons, 4.
Inquiry at Dalkey Town Hall, 11 a.m.

"LISTENING-IN" TO AMERICA.

A Belfast correspondent writes that at 12.45 a.m. last Monday he "received" a Christmas Carol Service on a two-valve wireless set. He could not identify the station, but it was almost certainly an American one. Church Services are broadcast from New York on Sunday nights; the time there is some five hours behind Greenwich. The waves may have been received direct or through the high-power station at Chelmsford, which frequently carries out experimental retransmissions during the night.

FORTUNES WON AT CANNES.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
CANNES, Thursday.

Play in the baccarat rooms here has become exceptionally high, and now almost rivals that of Deauville. Fortunes are being won and lost each afternoon and evening. Yesterday Mr. Asprey, the well-known London jeweller, ran a bank successfully eight times, and then left, leaving the tables about a quarter of a million francs to the good. M. Jean Paton won nearly three hundred thousand francs on one bank.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

The following is the order of Advertisements in to-day's *Irish Times*:—

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Births, Marriages and Deaths.
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Garden.
Poultry, Eggs, Dairy, &c.
Furniture.
Music, Pianos, &c.
Trees for Sale & Wanted.
Horses, etc.
Business Premises.
Stabling and Grazing.
Houses to Let and Wanted.
Apartments to Let and and Wanted.
Seaside and Country.
Miscellaneous.
Cycles and Motor Cars.

The Irish Times.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 1925.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

Severe storms are reported from many places in Southern Ireland.—(Page 5.)

At yesterday's meeting of the Dublin Port and Docks Board Mr. David Barry made a statement on the subject of the maltreatment of Irish cattle for shipment, in the course of which he said that the shipowners were in no way responsible for the damaged condition in which the animals reached the English markets.—(Page 3.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

In spite of the adverse balance in British revenue, it is expected that the Budget will balance at the end of the financial year.—(Page 5.)

The pound reached a new high record yesterday.—(Page 6.)

Sir Francis Carruthers Gould, whose political cartoons, signed "F.C.G.," for many years were a feature of the *Westminster Gazette*, died yesterday.—(Page 6.)

ABROAD.

Many opposition newspapers have been suppressed by Signor Mussolini. One newspaper building was wrecked and then set on fire by the Fascisti.—(Page 5.)

SPORTING.

At Paris yesterday, in the first international Rugby match of the season, Ireland defeated France by 9 points to 3.—(Page 9.)

At Melbourne yesterday Australia batted first in the second Test match, and scored 300 for the loss of four wickets.—(Page 9.)

At Baldoyle yesterday Fethernadale won the New Year Plate, Vesington King the Killester Plate, Rathdrin the Sutton Plate, Kitty Lightfoot the Lambay Plate and Elgar the Portmarnock Plate.—(Page 8.)

At Manchester Dudley won the Victory Steeplechase.—(Page 8.)

At Bogside Hairpin II. won the New Year's Day Steeplechase.—(Page 8.)

National Balance Sheets.

The revenue returns for the first nine months of the current financial year contain some very useful information for the taxpayers of Great Britain and the Free State. The figures for both countries are somewhat disappointing. Free State revenue has fallen by, roughly, £3,000,000 in comparison with the corresponding period of last year, while expenditure has fallen by as much as £8,000,000. Despite the new fiscal duties in the Free State, both Customs and Excise receipts show a marked decline. Customs have shrunk from £6,126,000 to £5,896,000, and Excise has yielded only £5,940,000, as against last year's figure of £7,652,000. Income tax, on the other hand, has improved from £2,950,000 to £3,599,000, but there has been a very heavy drop in receipts from land purchase annuities, etc., which have brought in only £677,630, as compared with £1,634,537 last year. The total "ordinary" revenue for the nine months is £19,643,393, whereas last year it reached £22,736,211 for the same period. On the other side of the balance sheet we find a rather more satisfactory condition of affairs. The total "ordinary" outgoings for the first nine months of 1923-1924 were £27,374,437; this year they were only £19,294,183—slightly less than the receipts. Supply services, which cost the nation nearly £26,000,000 last year, have been reduced to £17,130,658, while Consolidated Fund services—including interest on the National Loan—have risen from £1,537,579 to £2,163,525. On the nine months' working there remains a balance of £3,467,922, which, of course, represents the remnant of the National Loan. On last New Year's Eve Mr. Blythe had slightly more than £6,000,000 in hands.

The British figures show a deficit for the nine months of £89,000,000, as against about £60,000,000 last year; but this deficit is not nearly so bad as it seems to be. The British expenditure returns for the first nine months include the two half-yearly payments of interest on the Five *per cent.* War Loan, as well as the two half-yearly remittances to the United States, amounting in all to about £130,000,000. Naturally, these payments must be set against the revenue for the whole year, and their equation against nine months' receipts puts an unnecessarily gloomy complexion on the balance-sheet. Actually, for the nine months revenue is down by £29,000,000, whereas Mr. Philip Snowden's estimated deficit for the whole year was some £43,000,000. Customs and Excise have fallen heavily, showing an aggregate deficit of £26,500,000 on the nine months' working; and this decline in revenue must be attributed to Mr. Snowden's passion for a "cheap breakfast table," which induced him to reduce taxation last April with an almost lavish hand. Direct taxation, on the other hand, has exceeded expectations. Income and super-tax, according to the estimates, should have yielded a loss on the year of £4,000,000. For the nine months they have produced an actual surplus of £760,000. In detail Mr. Snowden's estimates have proved to be extremely inaccurate, but in the bulk they have been borne out with remarkable precision. In any case, Mr. Churchill will be in a favourable position next April as a result of the wonderful improvement in the value of sterling in New York. It is almost certain now that he will budget for some reduction of income tax.

Comparison between these two balance sheets would be absurd, but there is one Department of State in which Britain has an enormous advantage over this country. The figures for the Free State Post Office show a fall of £80,000 for the nine months, while the British Postmaster-General already has a surplus of between £3,000,000 and £4,000,000. In view of these figures, there can be very little doubt now that the penny post will be restored. The Free State Post Office is in sore need of reform. Mr. J. J. Walsh has the reputation of being an admirable organiser, and has just been entrusted by the Government with the extremely important task of reorganising the *Cumann na nGaedheal*. He ought to take the earliest opportunity of turning his attention to the Post Office. It is preposterous that a twopenny post should still be in force in the Free State and that our Post Office should be losing money. Services have been reduced and additional charges for telegraph and parcels delivery have been imposed on the public; yet the Post Office is a burden on the State. If Britain and Northern Ireland can afford to provide their citizens with good services at a cheap rate, surely the Free State can do something either to improve its services or to reduce its charges. Both blessings simultaneously would be too much to expect. The Free State already is handicapped severely in competition with Northern Ireland, and lighter taxation and the restoration of the penny post would give Belfast almost incalculable advantages over Dublin. This matter may appear to be trivial in comparison with the larger issues of national finance, but the nation's economy is built of such trifles, and in the long run they determine its profit or loss.

Food Supplies.

During the present week two ambitious schemes have been submitted to the Royal Commission on Food Prices. On Wednesday Sir Charles Fielding outlined a plan for a National Food Board which, in his view, would establish economic contact between the producer and the consumer. This board would control the import of wheat and meat and the price of bread. In the case of meat, supplies which could not be grown in Great Britain would be imported preferentially from the British Dominions and afterwards from the rest of the world. Parliament could instruct such a board to contract for ever-increasing quantities of English-grown wheat and to guarantee to English farmers a purchase price equal to fifty shillings a quarter on rail. Sir Charles Fielding believes that, under this system, food prices would be reduced and work would be found on the land for at least half a million of the unemployed. Yesterday an even bolder scheme was put before the Commission by Sir Leo Chiozza Money. It is based on the disturbing assumption that the British food position has become precarious in peace and is likely to be desperate in the next war. Sir Leo proposes that the Imperial Government shall make itself directly responsible for the feeding of the nation. The export surpluses of the Dominions ought to be purchased in bulk, and a department of State ought to be entrusted with the formation of national food budgets. No doubt, this system would involve the storage of immense supplies of food in Great Britain, and so would return to the precedent of that great commissariat officer, Joseph. Sir Leo Chiozza Money admitted, however, that, "in the long run," his plan would oust private traders from the wholesale handling and distribution of food; and the British public certainly is not prepared for that drastic change. Furthermore, as Sir Auckland Geddes, the Chairman of the Commission, observed, Sir Leo's proposal would impair international relations, introducing new difficulties into a weary and shaken world. Apart from any question of their practical merits, the schemes which have been submitted to the Royal Commission, and the eager discussion of them, have a particular significance for the Irish people. They demonstrate at least three things—that in both hemispheres the demand for the staple articles of food is increasing more rapidly than the supply, that England is anxious to make her own supplies ample and secure, and that she will prefer to take them from the Dominions of the British Commonwealth. In other words, the Irish farmers' chances to develop Great Britain's almost inexhaustible market never were more favourable than they are to-day. That fact ought to be the keynote of the *Saorstat's* economic policy. Literature may repudiate any association between Davis's "A Nation once again" and Calverley's "Butter and eggs and a pound of cheese"; but Irish statesmanship will draw the same moral from both of them.

Emigrants to Australia.

There is at present a quite abnormal flow of emigrants from Southern Europe to Australia, and it does not require much ingenuity to connect this circumstance with the tightening of the immigration laws in the United States. Another aspect of the Australian problem is the dearth of immigrants from the British Isles. In Australia, no less than in the United States, immigrants from Northern Europe, and from the British Isles especially, are preferred. Hitherto the attitude of the people of Australia towards this important matter has been exceedingly casual, but a change is beginning to be evident. Sir John McWhae, a former Agent-General for Victoria, has raised his voice in protest against the apathy of public opinion, and his complaint is being backed with a considerable measure of popular support. Criticisms have been met with assertions from the authorities that the idea of a "White Australia" is not in danger. It is clear, however, that the influx of Southern Europeans constitutes a threat to the standard of living in the Dominion. Sir John McWhae's request for a Government statement has produced no satisfactory reply; but now the Opposition has become active, and it appears that the Government no longer will be able to shelve the question. Australia is a vast country which needs large development; but, as the *Melbourne Argus* points out, its powers of absorption are not unlimited. Moreover, the importance of development on proper lines cannot be exaggerated. The whole future of the Dominion may be at stake. Many old prejudices have been swept away by the war, including the prejudice against immigrants from the mother country. To-day the people, as a whole, are well disposed towards British settlers, and their change of heart is likely to result in early legislation.

Uricon.

In the neighbourhood of St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, three walls have been found which are believed to have formed part of the Roman city of Londinium. Roman London was a commercial city which exceeded in size and importance any other in Britain and Northern France. As to-day, the port at the mouth of the Thames formed the principal outlet of trade in the British Isles. Its extent is estimated at 360 acres, or rather more than double that of Uriconium, of which traces have been found during the last seventy years. Where Uriconium stood in Roman times the town of Wroxeter stands now—some seven miles south of Shrewsbury on the high ground near the River Severn. Explorations were started there so long ago as 1859, but it was only in the past summer that any great measure of progress was made. Unlike Londinium, whose importance was purely commercial, the city on the banks of the Severn possessed a great strategic value, since it commanded the valley in which Shrewsbury is situated. It is thought that two legions were quartered there. Coins have been discovered which show that Uriconium was inhabited during the whole of the four centuries of the Roman occupation. A recently discovered colonnade is said to be the longest continuous work of its sort that has been unearthed in the British Isles. That the garrison town in the Severn valley was destroyed by fire seems to be an established fact. All the evidence points to a complete and apparently sudden disaster which obliterated the city for fourteen centuries. Research may cause it to rise again in the mysterious country of conjecture, but—

"To-day the Roman and his trouble
Are ashes under Uricon."

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The Prince of Wales, who has had several good runs with the West Norfolk Hounds during his stay at York Cottage, is expected to return to York House, St. James's Palace, at the end of this week. He arrived last night at his Leicestershire hunting quarters, Craven Lodge, Melton Mowbray.

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The Queen of the Belgians, who is suffering from influenza, is progressing favourably. Her second son, Prince Charles, is expected to arrive in London next week to continue his studies.

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The Countess of Listowel, the Earl of Dumfries and his sister, Lady Mary Crichton-Stuart, Lady Dorothy Wood, Viscount and Viscountess Downe, Viscount Clive, Lord Hotham and his sister, and Lord and Lady Grimthorpe were among the guests at the ball given by Lady Sykes at Sledmere House, for the *début* of her second daughter, Miss Everilda Sykes. Her eldest son, Sir Mark Tatton Sykes, who succeeded to the baronetcy on the death of his father in 1919, does not come of age till August, 1926.

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The Earl of Dunraven, who spent Christmas in London, has returned to Adare Manor, County Limerick. Sir Harold Nutting, Master of the Meynell Hounds, who recently met with an accident to his head when hunting, is making satisfactory progress. Lord Decies, who spent Christmas at Monte Carlo, has returned to London.

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The Earl and Countess of Plymouth, the Dowager Countess of Plymouth and the Countess of Wemyss have left England for India. Lady Desborough and her daughter, the Hon. Imogen Grenfell, are starting to-day for St. Moritz. Lady and Miss Waller and Lady Knox have left for Cape Town, and Lady and Miss Wormald are travelling by the same steamer to Natal. Admiral Sir Herbert and Lady Mabel King-Hall and Sir Thomas Berney will leave to-day by the ss. Wolmer Castle for Cape Town.

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Mr. and Mrs. Barry Domvile, who left Loughlinstown House some time ago, have taken a villa at Pau, where they will remain till the late spring. Major and Mrs. Heather are spending the winter on their property in Canada, and will not return to County Galway for some time. Vice-Admiral Bruen and Mr. R. Bruen have arrived from England, and have left Dublin for County Carlow. General Beauchamp Doran, C.B., has returned to Ely House, Wexford, from London.

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Sir Alfred and Lady Mond, accompanied by their son-in-law and daughter, Sir Neville and Lady Pearson, and by Miss Nora Mond, will leave London to-day for a tour in Egypt. The Hon. Lady Lloyd-Mostyn and Miss Lloyd-Mostyn will leave next week for East Africa, and will make a tour through Rhodesia, returning through Cape Colony towards the end of April.

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Lord Claud Hamilton is now making favourable progress towards recovery from the serious operation which he underwent last November. He has been moved from the nursing home to his house in London.

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A marriage has been arranged, and will take place on the 14th January, between Captain H. L. Harvey, D.C.L.I., only son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. W. L. Harvey, of Tredarvah, Penzance, and Vere, only daughter of the late H. R. Harte Barry, Ingledene, Kanturk, Co. Cork, and Mrs. Harte Barry, 19 Cintra Park, London, S.E., formerly of 11 Eden terrace, Limerick.

Dr. D. J. Cannon has returned to 13 Rutland square.

The Lady Ardee is organising a Ball in aid of the Jubilee Nurses' Fund, which will take place at Woodbrook, Bray, on Tuesday, January 20th. (See Public Amusements Column.)

Switzer's Sale will commence on Monday next, January 5.

New Year Gifts—Choice Furs, always acceptable.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

Lovely Dance Frocks for New Year Festivities at Holmes', George's street.

Gifts in profusion in each section at Holmes', George's street.

Sale of Model Costumes, Overcoats, and Furs at greatly reduced prices at W. Leon's, 133 Stephen's Green.

Great Reductions during Winter Sale now proceeding.—Campbell and Strahan, Ltd., 11 Wicklow street.

Miss Dora Galwey has resumed her Secretarial Training Classes at 33 Dawson street, Dublin. A few vacancies having occurred, intending students are requested to make early application. 'Phone 4680.

Slyne's Sale. Smart Coat in silver grey Zibeline, with fur exactly to tone, for 6½ gns. at Slyne's, 71 Grafton street.

Slyne's Sale. School Outfits at Special Sale Prices. Warm Overcoats for Girls, in navy velours, trimmed fur, also in brown ribbed nap, with folds to end of coat, prices 3 gns. to 5 gns. Coats for the Kiddies in velours, and also in tweed, prices 21s. 11d. to 59s. 6d. Slyne and Co., Ltd., 71 Grafton street, 1 and 2 Harry street.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals:—Thomas Tiernan, Miss Tiernan, James Reynolds, Miss Ena Dartwell, Miss Ivy Dartwell, W. H. Kavanagh, Mrs. W. H. Kavanagh, Harry Kavanagh, Desmond Kavanagh, Miss K. McDonald, Miss Nora Healy, Ernest Black, Miss J. J. Molloy, Miss Doris Johnston, Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Kelly.

Departures:—Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Matthews, Miss Matthews, A. E. Timlin, Charles W. Le Clerc, Mrs. Rounds, J. C. Collins, Captain Hillyard, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cuthbert, Mr. and Mrs. J. Donovan, T. J. Fullerton, Rev. A. E. Hughes, Miss Eta Keogh, Lewis Levinson, Miss Doherty Manning, E. W. Carolin, E. G. Lee, Miss M. Cosgrove, Captain C. Shea, Rev. H. B. Swanzy, A. D. Pringle, H. Turpin, H. C. L. Coulter, Miss Kathleen Glenny, Dr. B. L. G. Proctor, Captain D. C. Sexton, D.S.O., W. Butler, T. V. Davy, E. Davy, Dr. D. S. Magner.

Other Arrivals and Departures will be found in "Dublin and the Provinces."

McBirney and Co.'s Great Winter Sale, this and coming days. Write for Price List.

A Great Sale of Boys' and Youths' High-class Clothing and Outfitting now on. Genuine Bargains at "Our Boys'" House, 24 Wicklow street.

The Mansfield Sisters' Sale begins to-day. Our Sales are noted for their genuine reductions, and we are making this a record one for bargains in Millinery, Furs, Gowns, and Sports Wear.—28 Wicklow street.

Annual Winter Sale now proceeding. Genuine Reductions in all Departments.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton street.

Furniture Stored in our new Fireproof Depository.—Millar and Beatty, Ltd.

Mourning Orders receive prompt attention. Prices strictly moderate.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton street. 'Phone 4085.

LONDON LETTER.

THE NEW YEAR.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
THURSDAY NIGHT.

New Year's Day in London was quite a cheery affair, apart from the weather; for people were generally in good spirits, and kindly greetings were being exchanged all round. It seems to be a general opinion that the coming year is to be better than the past one and that trade will show a marked improvement. Even shopkeepers, who are not anxious, as a rule, to admit that they are optimistic, incline to the view that better times are on the way. The weather to-day was very patchy. Bright sunshine alternated with heavy falls of rain and high winds, and there is no immediate prospect of a relief in the flood conditions on the upper reaches of the Thames. During the evening another great gale began to rage.

National Revenue.

The figures provided in the National Revenue returns last night, showing the enormous deficit of eighty-nine million pounds on the past nine months, may cause some little alarm in the mind of the British taxpayer, but the deficit is more apparent than real. At the Treasury there is conviction that the revenue returns at the end of March will show a surplus; for the last quarter of the financial year generally proves a surprise. On this day a year ago there was a deficit of sixty-one millions, but the surplus on March 31st amounted to forty-eight millions. Mr. Snowden's calculations, while extraordinarily accurate in some cases, are quite wrong in others. He thought that the deficit on New Year's Day would be twenty-nine millions only, and that Customs would show a decline of eighteen millions on the year, but for the nine months that fall is twenty millions.

Capital Levies.

Income tax, super-tax and death duties—all capital levies really—show a great response to taxation. Mr. Snowden thought that there must be a decline in the death duties, but in nine months they have increased by four million pounds, while the Post Office has quite upset his calculations, since he budgeted for a loss, whereas the gain on the Post Office, telegraphs and telephones amounts to a sum approaching four millions. Income tax receipts, he estimated, would fall away about four millions, but the drop is not one-fifth of that sum. In the opinion of financial experts, there is now little doubt that the Government will give the public relief both in the direction of income tax and of postal charges, particularly if the trade revival continues during the next three months and expenditure is kept down.

Trade Prospects.

In banking and commercial circles in London there is a strong belief that the New Year holds out to Great Britain the prospect of an end to the long period of trade depression which started in 1921, and that the outlook for business is brighter than it has been for ten years. The official reports, prepared by experts for the Government, all give an impression that the trend of business is far more encouraging at this period of the year than it has been for some years. There is greater confidence in business circles and a steady rise in the volume of orders. The importation of raw materials has increased largely of late, and this is usually a good sign. There is, however, one puzzling feature. Exports have fallen away, and the returns, when published, will show an abnormal deficiency as compared with the imports. The Board of Trade is greatly puzzled by this curious situation, and experts can give no satisfactory reason for it. It is thought, however, that the exports are merely delayed and that there will be a rapid expansion before the year is much advanced.

The Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister returned to London to-day after his short holiday at his country home, looking extremely well. Mr. Baldwin is to consult several of his Ministerial colleagues during the week on various subjects, but it is unlikely that there will be a full meeting of the Cabinet until Monday next, the day before Mr. Churchill leaves for the Financial Conference in Paris.

The Dominion Status.

The Dominions have sent replies to the invitation issued by the British Government to a conference to be held here as soon as possible on the question of the Geneva Protocol. The result of the invitation does not appear to be promising, since most of the replies are merely acknowledgments that the invitation has been received. It is understood that the Dominion Governments are considering carefully whether the invitation can be accepted, and it is quite possible that in more than one case it will be refused. It would not come as surprise should it prove to be so. The present situation may lead to a further development in the position of the High Commissioner; for it is understood that the Dominions are inclining to the idea of making the posts semi-diplomatic appointments, and the Commonwealth Government has already proposed that it shall have an official in London who shall act as *liaison* officer between the Australian Cabinet and the Foreign and Colonial Offices in London. This proposal has been accepted.

Influenza.

London is suffering from a new influenza wave, and many cases of illness are reported. The epidemic is greeted as a new variety of the familiar scourge, but this is not really the case; for the great outbreak of twenty years ago was marked by digestive disturbance similar to those characterising the present outbreak. A medical authority says that influenza is never the same; for every year sees a different group of symptoms. Thirty years ago there was a terrible variety, with nervous complications, and during the later years of the war there was the pneumonic influenza which slew its thousands of victims.

The Christmas Post.

Some interesting comments are made by *The Post*, the official organ of the Union of Post Office Workers, with respect to the heavy Christmas post. It is estimated that the total number of letters and greetings dealt with during the festive season amounted to a total of over 600,000,000. The traffic exceeded all expectations, and in some offices the staff were completely overwhelmed, with the result that an appreciable proportion of letters and parcels failed to reach the public till after Christmas.

Commenting upon this state of affairs, *The Post* adds: "It surely is not sufficient to leave everything to the possibility that a large temporary staff, many of whom have had only a few days' training, will be able to grapple with the increased traffic. In many cases letters and parcels were carried hopelessly up and down the country until such time as somebody with knowledge and training could put them into the right channel."

Dame Terry.

Dame Ellen Terry was almost snowed under to-day by the hundreds of letters and telegrams congratulating her upon her appearance in the New Year's Honours List. Messages came from all classes, and included many from political leaders as well as from people in social and political circles. Dame Ellen Terry is staying in London, and held a reception of her friends at the flat of her daughter, Miss Edith Craig, in Bedford street, during the afternoon.

The condition of M. Branting, the Prime Minister of Sweden, who is suffering from phlebitis, has considerably improved.

THE GREAT GALE.

WHOLE DISTRICTS FLOODED IN IRELAND AND BRITAIN.

DAMAGE TO SHIPPING.

CREW OF TRAWLER RESCUED OFF THE WICKLOW COAST.

THE almost continuous rains and the high winds of the past fortnight have caused much damage in many parts of Ireland, and the overflowing of some of the large rivers has flooded large areas of low-lying lands. In some places along the Shannon side people have been driven out of their homes, and in the town of Ennis it has been found necessary to house in the local hospital and other institutions people whose houses had become uninhabitable.

Great losses have been sustained by farmers in Fermanagh and other counties by the mortality among sheep and calves caused by the wet weather and the lack of shelter.

The weather in the Channel is reported as very bad, and both cargo and passenger steamers have been arriving late in Dublin. During the gale on Tuesday night the steam trawler Trustful was lost off the County Wicklow coast, but her crew succeeded in reaching a pilot boat anchored off Kingstown.

It was learned this morning that the telephone trunk line between Dublin and Liverpool had been disordered by the storm, and direct communication was impossible between these centres. The line to London was intact, but only one of the lines from London to Liverpool was operating, while all the London-Wales lines were down. This meant that communication with Wales could only be secured by getting on to Liverpool *via* London.

There was no telegraphic or telephonic communication between Dublin and Holyhead last night.

DUBLIN.

RAIN-SWEPT STREETS.

BUSINESS AFFECTED.

The weather spoiled the Baldoyle race meeting yesterday. The wind and cold rain kept thousands away who would have attended under pleasanter conditions. Few people left the city during the day, and the majority of those who had been freed from work by the fact that the day was a Bank holiday patronised the picture houses.

Heavy showers of rain and a strong wind prevailed throughout the day, and business everywhere was seriously affected. Three large wooden advertising cars, which were drawn by donkeys, were blown over near the Parnell monument in the morning. A little later a drain which could not carry off the surface water became choked, flooding the street, and the Fire Brigade had to be called out to pump off the water.

The weather also affected business at the port, and among the vessels held up there is the large Peruvian four-masted ship, the Omega. About ten boats from cross-Channel arrived after mid-day, having had a tremendous buffeting on the way over. Something like the same number left in the evening. The St. Fintan, a coal boat, belonging to a Dublin firm, when well under way found that she could not continue to her destination, and had to return. Other small boats, profiting by her experience, remained in port.

MAIL BOAT DELAYS.

SEVERE WEATHER IN THE CHANNEL.

The difficulties of working the single track on the London, Midland and Scottish line in Anglesea cause delays in the service between Holyhead and Kingstown. Yesterday the incoming morning boat was 42 minutes late in starting, but made the sea journey in schedule time. The evening boat had to face much more severe weather, and, in addition to a late start, lost nearly an hour on the passage, arriving at Kingstown at 6.45 p.m. instead of 5.25 p.m. Although the weather was very severe the passengers suffered nothing more than the usual consequences of a rough voyage.

LEINSTER.

GREAT SHANNON FLOODS.

RIVER TWO MILES WIDE.

The Shannon floods are causing great uneasiness to dwellers near the large areas which are under water. No one can recollect a time when flooding was so widespread as it is at present. Yesterday there were heavy showers of rain and snow, accompanied by a gale in the morning.

The water is now close to the high red bog on the Galway side of the river opposite Banagher. About fifty years ago this bog moved a distance of thirty yards towards the Shannon and blotted out a road skirting it. Twenty-four years ago there was another slight displacement, after which the Land Commission opened deep drains to carry away the surface water. Between this high bog and the Shannon lies the village of Esker, nearly all the houses of which are isolated by the floods. Many old people in the locality fear a further movement in the bog if the present downpour continues. They say that the floods at present are fifty yards nearer to the high bog than they ever before saw them. The Shannon, near Banagher, has a normal width of about 120 yards. The width now varies from one to two miles.

In the neighbourhood of Shannonharbour, Reisk, Carta, Derryholmes, several families have abandoned their homes. In other houses sod embankments have been put up to stem the approach of the floods, and the floors are raised with planks. It is not easy to estimate the amount of suffering at present endured by the people living in these flooded districts. Even in high tillage fields lakes of water are no uncommon sight.

ROADS UNDER WATER.

TWO WOMEN DROWNED.

Margaret McDonagh (29), daughter of a small farmer residing at Doogue, on the Connaught side of the Shannon, was found drowned in the flood near Athlone on Wednesday afternoon. She left her home to convey milk to the town, and had to pass along a dangerous roadway which was flooded. It is believed that she stumbled and fell into a drain.

An old woman named Mary Collins (80) was found drowned in a drain at Annagh, near Athlone. She had been visiting some friends and was returning home about 6.30 p.m. when she lost her way and fell into a deep drain, where she was found by a neighbour. Death from accidental drowning was the verdict of the Coroner's jury.

The Shannon continues to rise at Athlone, and the water has now reached Castlemain street. The gardens at the rear of St. Mary's terrace are covered with water to a depth of several feet. The weir near the old bridge is submerged. The Shannon resembles a vast inland sea. A terrific gale, accompanied by showers of sleet, swept the town of Athlone on Wednesday night.

MUNSTER.

THE GALE IN CORK.

MAN INJURED BY FALLING ROOF.

A fierce storm, accompanied by rain, blew over the City of Cork yesterday, and roads along the Lee and its tributaries are flooded to a considerable extent. At high tide at 10 o'clock yesterday many of the low-lying streets were flooded. After midday the wind abated somewhat, but rain continued to fall heavily.

The Cork Steam Packet Company's steamer Ardmore, which left Liverpool for Cork on Wednesday at 3.30, carrying passengers and cargo, met with terrible weather. She was scheduled to arrive in Cork at about 1 p.m., but did not arrive until night.

The roof of a house in Great William O'Brien street was blown off at 4 o'clock yesterday evening during the gale. The occupier, John Finnegan, was injured and had to be removed to hospital.

FISHING BOAT DISAPPEARS.

Heavy seas are running in Youghal harbour and the Promenade has been covered with gravel, several feet deep. All the low-lying lands are flooded. A fishing boat, with gear and nets aboard, belonging to M. Hennessy, which was moored in the Market Dock, disappeared during Wednesday night.

GREAT SEAS AT FENIT.

CARGO STEAMER OVERDUE.

The storm which commenced shortly after ten o'clock on Wednesday night in Tralee continued with unabated severity up to yesterday evening. Very rough and high seas were experienced off Fenit, the surf sweeping around the Fenit Pier, while around Brandon Head huge waves, mountain high, lashed themselves against the rock-bound coast.

The weather report for Ireland for the next twenty-four hours gives little promise of improvement.

The wind will be between South-West and North-West, strong to a gale at times, with showers of rain, hail, or snow, and some bright intervals. The temperature is falling.

Keen anxiety was felt at Fenit Port as to the Limerick steamship boat Cloonanna, bound for Liverpool, with general cargo, which was nearly two days overdue. News has been received that she ran for shelter into Limerick, which she reached after an exceptionally rough passage. A big corn boat which was due at Fenit on Wednesday evening was last heard of off Valentia, but it is hoped that she had put into some safe shelter or has put out to sea to avoid the dangerous coast line.

Some of the streets in Tralee were again flooded yesterday, but not to the same extent as during the Christmas deluge. Large areas are under water throughout Kerry.

The Listowel coursing meeting had to be postponed yesterday after five courses owing to the bad weather.

MALLOW RACES ABANDONED.

Owing to the bursting of a deep culvert running across the racecourse at Mallow, the meeting which was fixed for the 6th inst. has been abandoned.

DRIVEN FROM HOME.

PEOPLE SHELTERED IN HOSPITAL.

The floods have not abated in Ennis, and yesterday heavy rain added to the misery which the poor people have had to endure. Many more houses have been rendered uninhabitable. Mr. J. V. Horan, Chairman of the Ennis Urban Council, called a public meeting, at which a Relief Committee was appointed to cope with a situation which was described as unprecedented.

Arrangements have been made to temporarily house the people who have been driven out of their homes in the County Hospital and other institutions, and to supply them with meals at the Town Hall.

CONDITIONS IN TIPPERARY.

THE SUIR IN FLOOD.

A gale which visited Tipperary on Wednesday night continued throughout yesterday with unabated violence. It was accompanied by a heavy rainfall.

Weather of Arctic severity is being experienced in Cahir and district. On Wednesday night there was a heavy fall of snow followed, after midnight, by flashes of lightning. A storm raged all day yesterday.

The River Suir is heavily in flood, and two miles north of the town where the River Aherlow joins it, the inundations are considerable. Viewed from the famous moat at Knochgraffon the valley presents the appearance of a vast inland lake.

CONNAUGHT.

FLOODED AREAS IN ROSCOMMON

MORTALITY AMONG SHEEP.

In the Castlerea district, after a heavy fall of snow on Wednesday, there was torrential rain accompanied by a strong wind yesterday. The whole countryside is submerged and the River Suck has overflowed its banks. Some of the roads are under several feet of water. Sheep are dying in large numbers from rot.

There was a heavy fall of snow in Roscommon town and district yesterday, but it disappeared with the subsequent heavy rainfall. The Hinde River has overflown its banks, the overflow turning the tillage lands into miniature lakes.

ULSTER.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

WOMAN'S DEATH IN DONEGAL

Hannah McCahill, Drimagra, near the Frosses, West Donegal, was killed by lightning while sitting in her cottage last Tuesday night. The woman's hair was singed and her face bruised. Death was due probably to shock. Her brother, who was in the house at the time, was thrown down and bruised. The only damage to the house was that a window was shattered.

SHEEP FLOCKS LOST.

The wet season has caused a severe outbreak of fluke among Fermanagh sheep, and these animals are dying in hundreds. Some farmers have had whole flocks wiped out, and they are faced with ruin. Among calves also there has been a heavy mortality due to the wet and tempestuous weather and the lack of shelter.

Snow, followed by a keen frost, which is

TRAWLER SUNK OFF BRAY HEAD.

TEN HOURS IN STORM-TOSSED BOAT.

The steam drifter Trustful (31 tons) was sunk on Tuesday afternoon while trawling about five miles east-south-east of Bray Head. The crew of five were able to escape in a small boat, but had a terrible experience, and after ten hours' exposure to storm and rain they reached a pilot boat which was lying at anchor off Kingstown.

A fierce gale was blowing from the west-south-west about 5 p.m., when the master of the drifter (Mr. Alfred Britton) was informed that she was making water rapidly. The master steamed her as quickly as possible towards land, and an effort was made to clear the pumps; the engineers were working up to their waists in water, but all efforts to cope with the water failed, and in a short time the fires were extinguished.

The starboard anchor was then dropped in order to prevent the vessel from drifting further out to sea. Rockets were sent up for assistance, but none came. The crew then launched a small boat and hung a good distance off, as they feared an explosion. They had been in the boat about twenty minutes when the lights on the drifter disappeared. Simultaneously there was a loud explosion, as if of the boiler, and the vessel sank.

MASTER'S ACCOUNT.

In an interview with an *Irish Times* reporter yesterday afternoon the master described the terrible experiences of himself and his faithful little crew, who behaved admirably in the face of great danger and difficulty.

For about ten hours their boat was being tossed about in the storm. They rowed as hard as possible, until, when they were virtually exhausted, they were able to reach pilot boat No. 3, which lay at anchor off Kingstown.

Here they were treated with the utmost consideration, were supplied with tea, and were made as comfortable as possible. They were then put on board a Dublin steamer, and were taken to the Seamen's Institute, Eden quay, Dublin, about 3.30 on Wednesday morning.

FRIENDLY AID.

Here they were consigned to the care of the Rev. C. B. Phipps, agent for the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society and chaplain of the Seamen's Institute, who provided them with new clothes, and had all their wants promptly attended to.

They were accommodated at the Institute since, and were given free railway tickets to their homes at Fleetwood.

The master and crew expressed their indebtedness to the Rev. Mr. Phipps for his kindness and attention.

The other members of the crew were:—Arthur Tuker, mate; Michael Lynch, deck hand; John Britton, first engineer, and Joseph Reilly, second engineer.

PLUCKY SEAMAN.

One of the crew—Michael Lynch, a Dublin man—displayed conspicuous bravery and powers of endurance, and the other members of the crew were unanimous in stating that they owe their lives chiefly to his labours, for when they were too exhausted to row he managed to get the boat as far as the pilot ship. The master and crew have asked the Rev. Mr. Phipps to bring Lynch's conduct before the proper authorities, and he is taking steps to do so.

Captain Clarke, R.N.R., O.B.E., Chief Surveyor of the Free State Ministry of Industry and Commerce, paid a visit of courteous sympathy to the men at the Seamen's Institute yesterday, and it was much appreciated.

STORY OF THE RESCUE.

Captain J. Giles was the master of the pilot boat, Dolores, who rescued the crew of the trawler, Trustful. His attention was called to the boat by the cries of some of the five men who had sighted the pilot's lights. When rescued the five men were thoroughly exhausted and so helpless that the men of the pilot boat had to get into their boat and lift them aboard the pilot. Some were practically unconscious. Captain Giles plied them with hot drinks and dried their wet clothes as best he could while steaming up the Liffey.

He landed the rescued crew at the South Wall and had them conveyed to the Seamen's Institute.

Since then the Dolores has twice come to the aid of boats labouring in the gale off the Dublin coast.

Yesterday morning two fishing boats were being blown before the wind, and the crews were unable to withstand the force of the gale. The Dolores went to their assistance and towed them into Kingstown harbour.

IRELAND'S VICTORY.

FRANCE LOSE THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL.

Ireland won the first Rugby international match of the season when she defeated France at the Colombes Stadium yesterday by 9 points to 3. The game was poor all through, and was marred by a serious injury to Borde, the French captain, and by a number of unpleasant incidents, which included hostile demonstrations towards the referee.

The Irish team was outplayed during the earlier stages of the game, and but for splendid work by Crawford and H. W. Stephenson the French might have run up a good score. The forwards rallied, however, and came out on top in the second half, during which Ireland crossed the French line twice, and Crawford kicked a penalty goal.

[Full reports appear on Page 9.]

OUTRAGE BY MASKED MEN.

The *Daily Express* states that two masked men, who entered a house at Washwood Heath, Birmingham, yesterday, bound and gaged the wife of the occupant, poured a burning liquid down her throat, and ransacked the place.

IRON FIST IN ITALY.

NEWSPAPER OFFICE WRECKED.

OPPOSITION ORGANS SUPPRESSED.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

ROME, Wednesday Night. (Received Thursday).

The mystery of the Cabinet Council hurriedly called by Prime Minister Mussolini yesterday was revealed this morning, when measures virtually amounting to the total suppression of the Opposition Press, and calculated to deal all the opponents of Fascism a decisive blow, were put into execution by the Government.

Without previous warning, seven Prefects received notice this morning that they had been placed on the retired list, and twelve others were assigned to new posts.

POLICE SEARCHES.

At dawn strong forces of police surrounded and searched the dwellings of prominent dissident Fascists, among them Signor Misuri and Signor Galzabini, former Chief of the Roman Fascisti. Ostensibly the search was for concealed arms, but in reality it was carried on in order to obtain possession of documents incriminating the Fascists, and destined for publication. However, no such documents were found, and no arrests were made.

Similar raids were carried out by the police at the headquarters of the Republican Party, and at the home of Signor Schiff Giogini, a well-known member of Roman society.

Simultaneously the distribution and sale of the leading opposition dailies in all large Italian cities were prohibited, and their issues were seized. The *Corriere Della Sera*, Italy's largest newspaper; the Socialist organ, *Avanti*, the *Giustizia* and the *Unitá*, at Milan; the *Stampa*, Signor Giolitti's organ at Turin; the *Roma*, of Naples, and the *Mondo Sereno* and *Voce Republicana*, at Rome, as well as the comic papers, *Recco Giallo* and *Serenissmo*, had their entire issue confiscated.

These measures, it is now disclosed, are the result of a decision taken unanimously at yesterday's Cabinet Council, in the course of which the Prime Minister, Signor Mussolini, described the campaign carried on by the Opposition as a menace to Italy's *prestige* and credit in foreign countries.

NEWSPAPER OFFICE SET ON FIRE.

Everywhere throughout Italy the Fascists paraded in force in their black shirts, ready for battle. In Florence several hundreds of Black Shirts broke through the cordon of police and soldiers and stormed the plant of the Opposition newspaper, *Nuovo Giornale*, smashing eight Linotype machines and the printing presses, and throwing the furniture into the street. After chasing the members of the editorial staff on to the roof with revolvers, the Fascists finally set the building on fire.

The panic-stricken inhabitants of the quarter sought refuge in their houses, which they hastily barricaded.

SIR HARI SINGH.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.

CALCUTTA, Thursday.

Rajah Sir Hari Singh, the nephew and heir of his Highness the Maharajah of Jammu and Kashmir, is not in Calcutta, but is visiting friends in the Bombay Presidency. Reuter's Correspondent is informed by officers of the Maharajah's Government, who are at present in Calcutta, that Sir Hari Singh has not been summoned to England, but that the Home Government has asked for certain information, which may necessitate the heir-apparent visiting England.

It is more likely, however, that Sir Hari Singh's evidence will be recorded on commission in India. The visit of the Maharajah of Jammu and Kashmir to Calcutta is stated to be in no way connected with the recent case, but is for the purpose of a minor surgical operation.—(Reuter.)

EGYPTIAN STUDENTS' STRIKE.

THE GOVERNMENT'S DRASTIC ACTION.

CAIRO, Thursday.

Only two hundred of the Tantah students are at work, and from four to five hundred are on strike. The Ministry of Education to-day, accordingly, gave orders that the strikers should not be allowed to return. Thus the students' issue has reached an acute stage, for the Tantah result should decide the conflict between the students and the Government. If the Government acts decisively towards the Tantah students, it is believed that the Cairo students will shape their policy accordingly, and the Government's success, or otherwise, is calculated materially to influence the result of the elections.—(Reuter.)

DUKE OF YORK'S ADVENTURES.

CHARGED BY WOUNDED RHINOCEROS.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NAIROBI, Thursday.

The thrill of being charged by a wounded and infuriated rhinoceros has fallen to the lot of the Duke of York on his very first big game hunt in Kenya Colony. It was on Sunday evening last that the adventure occurred at a spot some 250 miles from Nairobi.

The Duke, who was accompanied by Mr. Anderson, the big game hunter, had stalked a huge rhinoceros, but when at length he fired, the beast turned and made a terrific charge in his direction.

The Duke stood his ground, allowing the animal to continue his charge until it was within thirty yards of him. He and Mr. Anderson then fired together, and the rhinoceros rolled over close to where he was standing. He was delighted with this, his first experience of an African hunter's perils.

In a Sunbeam car, forming part of a caravan of ten automobiles, the Duke and Duchess of York left Nairobi on Boxing Day, and their evening camp was pitched towards evening, when one hundred miles had been covered. The Duke stalked seven kongoni, and made his first Kenya kill with two shots.

On the second day the journey was continued through dense forest and along winding paths over black cotton soil. Suddenly the car in which the Duke and Duchess were riding struck a buried boulder with such violence that it was disabled, the crank case being ruined.

More adventures, however, were to come. As evening was approaching and the day's destination was near at hand they ran into a tropical cloudburst. Its violence may be imagined when it is stated that 4½ inches of rain fell within half an hour.

The party crossed a stream, which had become dangerously swollen, and arrived at their camping ground drenched, only to find the entire place waterlogged. They treated the whole affair as a joke and took refuge in the mess tent pitched on a hillock.

Before breakfast on the Sunday morning they were out with the guns forming separate parties, and the Duchess of York, using a small rifle, made a splendid shot, bagging a guinea fowl on the wing.

In the evening, after his adventure with the rhinoceros, the Duke shot a zebra. The carcase was left on the spot in the hope that it might attract a lion, but up to the time when news of the events already recorded was sent back to Nairobi the bait had not proved successful.

RESIGNATION OF CHEKA CHIEF.

A POLITICAL ILLNESS.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

RIGA, Thursday.

Reports from Moscow reaching here state that Dgerjinski, Chief of Gay Pay Ou, formerly the Cheka, has resigned his post temporarily on account of ill-health. From other sources it is gathered that Dgerjinski's illness (like that of Trotsky) is purely political, as he wishes to maintain a more neutral attitude. Commissar Menshinski has been appointed to the vacant post.

REVENUE RETURNS.

INCREASE IN PAYMENTS AT BELFAST.

The Inland Revenue returns that were issued at Belfast last night show that the total amount collected there last year was £6,572,040 13s. 4d., made up as follows:—

Customs	£4,465,515	9	1
Excise and local taxation	£2,034,940	5	1
Other rates	£71,584	19	2

For 1923 the figures were—Customs, £4,407,283 1s. 1d.; Excise, £2,212,578 3s. 6d. During 1924, therefore, there was an increase of £152,179 8s. 10d.

AMERICA'S ECONOMIC PROSPECTS.

MR. HOOVER'S SURVEY.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

Mr. Hoover, United States Secretary of Commerce, in his survey of economic prospects for 1925, declares that there is more assurance of economic stability for the future than at any time for many years. The domestic, foreign, and financial situations are bright. He considers that the recovery in agricultural conditions in America is among the outstanding accomplishments of the year. The sore spots in the world are Russia, which has failed to progress, and China, which is disturbed by civil war.

THE FREE STATE RAILWAYS.

MR. H. G. BURGESS ON NEW BOARD.

We learn officially that the directors of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company have nominated their General Manager, Senator the Right Hon. H. G. Burgess, to be the Company's first representative on the Board of the Free State Amalgamated Railway Company.

The appointment is made under the terms of the Railways (Directorate) Act, which was passed recently by the Oireachtas.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, Thursday.

The Austrian Minister for Social Welfare, Dr. Resch, is submitting to the Cabinet a plan for dealing with the problem of the unemployed. The Minister proposes to offer to grant employers 24,000 crowns, or 18 pence a day for each unemployed person to whom they give work. Unemployed who refuse to accept such offers will be deprived of the dole. There are at present 130,000 unemployed in Austria, including 60,000 in Vienna alone.—(Reuter.)

FREE STATE REVENUE RETURNS FOR 1924.

The Free State Revenue returns for the first nine months of the financial year, which were issued last night, show that the receipts were down by just over three million pounds, while the expenditure had been reduced by slightly over eight million pounds. An analysis of the figures, which are set out below, will be found in our leading article.

RECEIPTS INTO AND ISSUES OUT OF THE EXCHEQUER BETWEEN THE 1st APRIL, 1924, AND THE 31st DECEMBER, 1924.

Revenue and Other Receipts.	Total Receipts into the Exchequer from 1st April, 1924, to 31st Dec., 1924.	1st April, 1923, to 31st Dec., 1923.
REVENUE.		
Customs	£5,896,000	£6,126,000
Excise	5,940,000	7,652,000
Motor Vehicle Duties	196,500	193,000
Estate, &c., Duties	555,000	706,000
Stamps	314,000	327,000
Property and Income Tax (including Super Tax and Mineral Rights Duty)	3,599,000	2,950,000
Corporation Profits Tax	176,000	312,000
Excess Profits Tax	2,000	36,000
Post Office	1,320,000	1,400,000
Miscellaneous:—		
Receipts on account of Land Purchase Annuities and Sundry Loans	677,630	1,634,587
Other Receipts	969,263	1,399,624
Total Revenue	£19,643,393	£22,736,211
OTHER RECEIPTS.		
Repayment of Temporary Advances—Under the Unemployment Insurance Acts	£20,000	—
Money Raised by Creation of Debt—For Capital Expenditure Issues under the Telegraph Acts	20,000	—
By Irish Free State Bills	—	1,714,000
By Savings Certificates	249,000	544,000
By 5% National Loan	—	7,400,000
Ways and Means Advances: By Public Departments	687,000	1,536,000
Total Receipts	£20,619,393	£33,930,211
Balance in Exchequer on 1st April, 1924, and 1st April, 1923	3,394,512	197,112
TOTAL	£24,013,905	£34,127,323

Expenditure and Other Issues.	Total Issues out of the Exchequer to meet payments from 1st April, 1924, to 31st Dec., 1924.	1st April, 1923, to 31st Dec., 1923.
EXPENDITURE.		
Central Fund Services	£2,163,525	£1,537,579
Supply Services	17,130,658	25,836,858
Total Expenditure	£19,294,183	£27,374,437
OTHER ISSUES.		
Temporary Advances—Under the Unemployment Insurance Acts	£186,000	£282,000
Issues to meet Capital Expenditure under the Telegraph Acts	20,000	30,000
Savings Certificates paid off	72,800	10,000
Irish Free State Bills paid off	814,000	—
Ways and Means Advances Repaid—Public Departments	159,000	335,000
Total Issues	£20,545,983	£28,031,437
Balance in Exchequer on 31st December, 1924, and 31st December, 1923	3,467,922	6,095,886
TOTAL	£24,013,905	£34,127,323

Ministry of Finance, Dublin, 1st January, 1925.

LATE NEWS.

THE DIFFICULTIES OF M. HERRIOT.

AN UNSTABLE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

The Times observes in a leading article:—M. Herriot's illness, which is fortunately not serious, has awakened sympathy in this country. There is in his buoyant personality an attractive suggestion of talents perhaps not yet fully expressed or clearly directed. He needs rest, and rest will, no doubt, lead to a speedy recovery. The French Prime Minister will then return to face a difficult situation, for which his own somewhat heterogeneous Government is not entirely responsible. It is high time to call attention to the singular uncertainty that now prevails in the domestic affairs of France. A strong and stable Government in France is always desirable in the interests of European peace. At a moment like the present, when the tranquillity of the Continent is none too firmly established and the amicable solution of many delicate problems is essential to confirm it, the existence of such a Government is particularly to be wished.

The internal affairs of every nation are, indeed, exclusively its own province, but they cannot be wholly indifferent to others, because they often determine the fate of Governments, and it is Governments that frame and direct international relations. Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Ramsay Macdonald have both found it so much easier to treat the larger and more urgent questions of policy in Europe and in the North-East with M. Herriot and his colleagues than with the Poincaré Cabinet that, with a view to the discussion and the settlement of these questions in the spirit of the *Entente*, British politicians may naturally wish for the continuance in office of the present French Cabinet, at any rate until the more disquieting of these questions have been decided. It would, however, be idle to pretend that the Herriot Government is at present strong and stable.

SECOND TEST MATCH.

GREAT CROWD PRESENT.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The weather was warm when the test match was resumed to-day. At the start twenty-five thousand spectators were present.

Wonderful enthusiasm was again displayed. Ponsford played Tate's fourth ball of his third over on to his wicket. On his dismissal the crowd accorded him a terrific ovation. He batted three hours and forty-two minutes. The wicket was in perfect condition.

AUSTRALIA.

First Innings (continued).

Ponsford b Tate	128
V. Richardson not out	40
Extras	19
Total (for five wickets)	301

FRANCE'S DEBTS.

BRITAIN'S APPEASING POLICY.

The *Morning Post*, in a leader, says:—A message from our own Correspondent in Washington gives news of first-rate importance in regard to the vexed question of France's debt to America. With what our Correspondent's informant calls "a generosity, perhaps, without parallel," His Majesty's Government has intimated to Washington that this country will make no objection to the granting of specially indulgent terms to France for the repayment of her debt to the United States. A moratorium for any period that may be thought fitting, the fixing of a lower rate of interest than that paid by this country, and an extended term of repayment—all these concessions to France's necessity the British Government is willing to admit without demur. Only one condition it insists upon—that whatever payments are made by France to the United States shall be shared *pari passu* by this country. No demand, surely, could be less exacting.

Our Washington Correspondent says—It is certain that the generous offer of His Majesty's Government will make a deep impression on public opinion in the United States, and will be applauded not only as an act of unselfishness, but as one of the wisest statesmanship. We must hope that his forecast of the effect will be fulfilled. Clearly, a new situation has been created, and public opinion in this country will not be slow to give Mr. Baldwin's Government the highest credit for the conception of such a bold, and, at the same time, such an appeasing stroke of policy. For if America recognises our generosity, France, our firm Ally, will surely not be unmindful of the assistance which we shall have been able to render to her necessity.

ACROSS THE SAHARA.

A NEW ROUTE.

In a message from Paris last night *The Times* Correspondent states:—After its crossing of the Sahara, the expedition of eight Citroen Kegresse caterpillar traction motor cars, led by M. Hardt and M. Audouin Dubreuil, has reached Fort Lamy, on the river Shari, a little south of Lake Chad. The party arrived on December 27. The last part of the journey is of special interest, because, in order to avoid going through British Nigeria, the motor cars passed round the northern side of the lake, where for long distances there is no road.

A new means of communication is thus established from French West Africa to the Congo and French Equatorial Africa, entirely through French territory from beginning to end.

SPAIN AND THE DIRECTORY

UNCERTAIN POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

The Times Madrid Correspondent states, in a message yesterday:—The Madrid Press is once more discussing the reform of the Constitution, commenting upon the rumour that several politicians of the old school are elaborating a new Draft Constitution.

According to the Conservative newspaper, *La Epoca*, these politicians are taking as their model the Constitution of the United States of America. It is not clear whether a Monarch or a President would be Chief of State—that is to say, whether King Alfonso would have the opportunity of becoming the first President of a Spanish Confederate Republic, or would find his present limited constitutional rights increased to those of the wide powers of the American President. This last suggestion would fit in with the desire of certain extremists that King Alfonso should assume the Dictatorship.

The denial given by the Vice-President of the Directory to all rumours of impending changes of Government is too recent for any importance to be attached to the statements in *La Epoca*, except in so far as they are symptomatic of the uncertain political outlook with which the year opens. The majority of the Spaniards, it may be said, are taking the continuance of the Provisional Directory very calmly.

RAILWAY CENTENARY.

PLANNING CELEBRATIONS IN ENGLAND.

The year 1925 is the centenary of the introduction of railways. On September 27 it will be a hundred years since Stephenson's first locomotive piped its first shrill whistle and jogged its way at six miles an hour from Stockton to Darlington.

Centenary year coincides with the visit to England of the International Railway Congress, and it is intended to expedite the celebrations, so that delegates to the Congress may inspect the scene of the memorable innovation with due ceremony.

A programme has been arranged for July 2nd and 3rd, and it includes the unveiling of a tablet at Stockton, where the first railway ticket was issued, a procession of rolling stock from Stockton to Darlington, and the opening at Darlington of an exhibition of locomotives. Other centenary celebrations are contemplated.

BY-ELECTIONS.

GOVERNMENT PARTY CANDIDATES.

EIGHT SELECTED.

ORGANISING NORTH DUBLIN.

FROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

To-day the names of the eight candidates selected by constituency conventions of Cumann na nGaedheal for the forthcoming by-elections within the past fortnight will be submitted to the Executive Committee of the organisation. The names are:—

Dublin, North—Messrs. Donal O'Connor and P. J. Lawrence.

Dublin, South—Messrs. H. B. O'Hanlon, solicitor, and Charles McGloughlin.

Mayo, North—Professor Michael Tierney.

Sligo-Leitrim—Messrs. Martin Roddy and A. Mooney.

Roscommon—Mr. Martin Conlon.

Two candidates, it will be noticed, were proposed for the one vacancy in South Dublin, but the Executive will not now be called on to make the final choice, as Mr. McGloughlin has intimated that he finds himself unable to "go forward." In a letter to Mr. J. J. Walsh, he thanks the Convention for inviting him to become the Cumann na nGaedheal candidate, but expresses his regret that business and other considerations make it impossible for him to accept the invitation. In the circumstances there is little doubt that the Executive will ratify the selection of Mr. Henry O'Hanlon, solicitor. Mr. McGloughlin is a member of the firm of Messrs. J. and C. McGloughlin, constructional engineers, and a prominent member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Two further selections remain to be made by the Cumann na nGaedheal Party—for the constituencies of Carlow-Kilkenny and Cavan.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES.

Republican candidates have been selected for the nine constituencies except South Dublin, and a choice will be made here by the party within the next few days. So far there is no indication that Mr. McGrath's group will put forward a candidate, but it seems to be the general belief that Mr. Milroy will stand in Cavan. His nomination there would provide a four-cornered contest, as Mr. O'Hanlon, a Farmers' nominee, is already in the field.

Some definite announcement as to the intentions of the Labour Party is likely to be forthcoming within the next week. There is little doubt that at least one of the constituencies will be contested in the interests of the party.

The Republican Party, I understand, will open its outdoor campaign on Sunday next with a meeting at College Green, Dublin. The speakers probably will include Mr. de Valera, Miss McSwiney, and Mr. Austin Stack. The Cumann na nGaedheal organisation has not completed its arrangements for public meetings, but nothing is likely to happen in that direction until candidates for all the constituencies have been selected.

150 COMMITTEES.

Some particulars as to the working of the party machinery in North Dublin were given to a meeting of the Cumann na nGaedheal Constituency Committee by the chief organiser of the Ministerial Party at a meeting this week. There will be a special committee to take charge of every booth, in other words, 150 committees in the whole constituency of North Dublin. Every one of these committees will send a representative to the Ward Committee, which in turn will send two delegates to the Constituency Election Committee.

The following trustees of the Candidates' Election Fund were appointed by the meeting:—General Mulcahy, Mr. Hugh Conway, Mrs. Swan, and Mrs. Collins-O'Driscoll.

One of the two candidates selected for this constituency, Mr. Donal O'Connor, was introduced to the same meeting. It was with reluctance, he said, that he had allowed his name to be put forward, and now, if a more suitable or acceptable man could be induced to stand, he would gladly stand down. But unless the first great victory they had gained in 750 years was to be filched from them, they should all be prepared to make some personal sacrifice. If elected, he would do what one man can do to help in bringing to the people that economic prosperity which should be the first fruits of the freedom they had achieved.

THE FRENCH DEBT.

BRITAIN AWAITING A DECLARATION.

FROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Thursday.

British politicians of all parties eagerly await an authoritative declaration of the French attitude with regard to the French debt. The British public has undoubtedly gathered the impression that the French attitude is: "We do not owe you anything, and we are not going to pay."

This is not the interpretation which informed opinion places upon some rather unfortunate French statements.

In these quarters it is believed that France does seriously intend to face her obligations; that, indeed, she cannot afford to do otherwise, as her credit abroad would suffer grave damage.

According to this interpretation France is simply haggling for terms, and will ultimately pay up, as every political party in this country agrees she must.

The question of the moment is, therefore, what alternative proposal has France to make in reply to the British Government's offer, an offer which in this country excites criticism only on the score of its generosity?

It is not expected that anything of the nature of a settlement will be reached next week. It is expected, however, that the conversations will once and for all lift the discussion of this question out of the morass of vague questionings and temporising generalities, in which it has too long been embedded, and place it definitely on the firm ground of business dealings.

A FOOD CONTROL BOARD.

The *Daily News*, in a leader, says:—Sir Charles Fielding's grandiose proposal for re-creating a Food Control Board in this country will be rejected with scorn by British public opinion. The eight gentlemen who, according to this wondrous scheme, are to manage the whole range of the country's food supplies will be so super-efficient that the Government of the day is not to have power of controlling, appointing, or dismissing them. They are to be free, apparently, to do exactly what they are divinely inspired to do, and the chief function of the Government will be merely to make the necessary additions to the income tax when the settling time arrives. The people of Great Britain are about as likely to swallow this gigantic and crazy experiment in peace time bureaucracy as they are to emigrate to Central Russia.

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WIRELESS IN IRELAND.

FREE STATE BROADCASTING SCHEME PREPARED.

2,700 LICENCES ISSUED.

About 2,700 licences for wireless "listening-in" sets have been issued in the Free State since licensing began last spring. The great majority of these relate to sets in Dublin and neighbourhood. Undoubtedly, there are also many sets for which no licence has yet been obtained.

A great number of the sets are more or less home-constructed. Apart from crystal sets kept by experimenters, who are curious to see whether any results can be obtained with them, the sets used in Ireland are valve-sets. With a good installation on a favourable site, three valves suffice for the "catching" of almost any Continental or American broadcasting, and on two valves British stations are taken quite comfortably.

THE ENGLISH PROGRAMMES.

During the simultaneous broadcast of the New Year's Eve special programme last Wednesday a "broadcatcher" in South County Dublin took the sound-waves from half a dozen or so of the British stations successively and finished on Chelmsford, the high-power station, which is operated particularly for the benefit of English listeners who are not within the ordinary range of local broadcasting stations.

Until one or more local stations are operated in Ireland the initial expense of a wireless receiving installation for people in the Free State is greater than that involved in English towns, where the residents can take the local broadcast on cheap crystal sets.

Experiences differ as to maintenance costs, a great deal depending on the skill of the owner. A man who can detect and remedy occasional defects for himself without creating fresh damage may carry on with no expense beyond that of re-charging the accumulator occasionally. An unskilled man, on the other hand, may have to pay for technical assistance sometimes in the investigation and cure of faults; and a bungler may damage the valves and incur the cost of renewal. A good set, well installed, should give little trouble if not subjected to incompetent interference.

In England, with the use of crystal sets, one can have a listening set at very small cost; and a great extension of "broadcatching" would certainly ensue here if a local broadcasting station were erected and put in operation.

FREE STATE SCHEME READY.

The result of all the discussions on the subject of the State and broadcasting last year was an instruction to the Minister for Posts to prepare and submit a scheme for State broadcasting. The Posts Department has prepared a scheme and passed it to the Ministry of Finance for consideration some weeks ago.

It is certain that a State subsidy must be involved in any such scheme. In the Free State no arrangement could be made which might be compared with that existing in Great Britain, where the business of broadcasting is linked up with that of the manufacture of implements and material for receiving. It does not seem possible to count on raising the required revenue by means of licence fees. However "broadcatchers" may be made to pay for the benefit of a local station, they must certainly pay more than English users, if only because of the less density of subscribers here compared with the populations served by any English station.

DANCING TO LONDON MUSIC.

A great factor in deciding the cost of an Irish broadcast service will be contained in the question whether an arrangement is to be made with the British Broadcasting Company.

Many present owners of wireless receiving sets are by no means anxious to see a local station at work. They get British and Continental broadcasting quite comfortably, and apprehend interference by an Irish station at closer range.

In many houses in Dublin and neighbourhood dancing to the music of a London band, received by wireless, is now a regular practice.

"Wireless" has been installed in many homes for the benefit of persons whose recreation in reading has been curtailed through failing of eyesight.

A lecture on "The Principles and Construction of Wireless Receiving Sets" will be given in the Royal College of Surgeons next Wednesday afternoon by Mr. F. R. A. McCormack, A.R.C.Sc.I., this being one of the "lectures adapted to a juvenile auditory" arranged by the Royal Dublin Society.

TRADE OF DERRY.

1924 A PROSPEROUS YEAR.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

The trade of Londonderry during 1924 has been very encouraging.

The harbour revenue during the past year rose from £38,631 in 1923 to £42,000, being the greatest in the history of the port, and exceeding even the boom year of 1922. There has been a rise in the Transatlantic tonnage from 477,936 to 596,647. The home trade has also flourished, the increase in the tonnage being from 291,370 in 1923 to 294,741 in 1924. As for the foreign trade, it almost doubled the figures of 1923, when the tonnage was 51,357. Last year it was 93,897, and was only 7,000 less than the boom year of 1922. The coal imports at 187,084 tons showed an increase of 7,000 tons on 1923, being the greatest since 1920. The maize imports have risen from 50,807 in 1923 to 68,398 tons. This is a "record," the figures being more than double those of 1920. This is all the more remarkable, because the yeast and distillery trade, which absorbed large quantities, closed down during the year.

There was also great buoyancy in the live stock shipping trade during the year. The total shipments of live stock—cattle, pigs, sheep, and horses—amounted to no fewer than 120,106 heads. Taking cattle, the shipments reached 90,988, a figure not touched since the abnormal year of 1913. The figure in 1923 was 78,856.

The wholesale trade of the city which it was feared might seriously be interfered with by the Free State Customs arrangements has admirably accommodated itself to the new situation, with the result that there has been no falling off in the volume of business, except that, perhaps, the sending of breadstuffs containing sugar has practically ceased. In regard to the various dutiable commodities—sugar, jam, chocolate, etc.—what has happened has been that the orders from the Free State have been booked by the Londonderry merchants as usual, but have been executed by manufacturers and forwarded under bond. Thus the only difference has been that the goods have gone through to their destinations without requiring to be repacked in the merchants' stores.

MOTHER'S INHUMANITY.

DAUGHTER IMPRISONED FOR TWELVE YEARS.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Thursday.

A case of cruelty prompted by greed has come to light at Rochechouart, Haute Vienne Department, through a child's gossip. Twelve years ago Marie, daughter of the Widow Delage, disappeared, and her mother, when questioned by neighbours said that Marie, who was then 19, had taken a situation in a neighbouring town. There was much curiosity as to why the daughter was never seen even on short visits, but gossip eventually died down and the girl was forgotten.

It has just been ascertained that she had, in fact, never left her mother's house, but has been a prisoner in a small dark room with a barred door and shuttered windows. Her discovery was due to accident, for a little boy playing near the house heard groans coming from this room though no one was known to inhabit the house except the widow.

The child's talk reached the ears of the police, who, in spite of a determined resistance from Madame Delage, searched the house and eventually found Marie, now 31 years of age, lying helpless in her dark prison on a bundle of filthy rags. Her long imprisonment in darkness had made her as pale as a corpse, and she is almost too weak to rise. The mother has now confessed that Marie, on coming of age, was to inherit some of her father's property. She had been locked away in obscurity in order that her mother might keep the money for herself.

WORKERS DELUDED BY COMMUNISTS.

PROPAGANDA DISGUISED AS RELIEF WORK.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
BERLIN, Thursday.

The International Red Relief Organisation has been denounced by the congress of the various Liberal and Radical organisations meeting in Berlin as a Bolshevist organisation which is seeking money for alleged political prisoners in many lands, while the worst political sufferers are Russians, of whom hundreds of thousands are in prison. The propaganda of this organisation contains a statement that Germany has 7,000 workers in prison for political reasons, Italy 8,000, Spain 23,000, Belgium 2,000, Poland 12,000, and Hungary 70,000. It is not stated that the 7,000 imprisoned in Germany are Communists, who have broken the laws of murder and arson, rioting and other civil, but not political, crimes.

To-day's protest against the International Red Relief Organisation is signed by the delegations representing the Russian Social Democrats, the Russian Social Revolutionists and the Union of Maximalists. The protest takes the form of a reply to the Red International, which addressed itself to the Socialist Labour International with a proposal to organise an exchange of prisoners in Europe for prisoners in Russia.

The reply states:—"We consider this an attempt on the part of the Soviets, who are alarmed by the growing protests of European and American Labour against the Russian terror, to shuffle the cards and confuse the minds of the labouring masses. Nothing can justify the crimes of the Russian Bolshevist. Russian prisons are filled with thousands, and frequently tens of thousands, of workingmen, peasants and *intelligentsia*, who have been subjected to the most cruel persecution, often driving them to suicide and death. Their greatest crime was voicing their socialistic or democratic convictions or criticising the despotism and corruption of the Soviet elections.

"In Russia freedom of the Press, speech, assembly, organisation, participation in elections, trade unions, as well as the right to strike, are the absolute monopoly of the Communist Party. All other political groupings have been deprived of their political rights and outlawed. The Bolshevists represent a system of unheard-of tyranny, having filled the prisons with workingmen and peasants. Their hypocrisy is, therefore, exposed. We must reject the International Red Relief Organisation's offer of exchange. We deem it morally inadmissible to barter in human bodies."

THE WORLD'S WHEAT CHAMPIONSHIP.

CANADIAN SUCCESS.

OTTAWA (By Mail).

Canada has won the world's championship for the best wheat thirteen times during the last fourteen years, and ten of these contests were won by Englishmen born and brought up in English cities, with no farming experience until they came to Canada.

J. C. Mitchell, of Dahinda, Saskatchewan, who this year at the Chicago International Hay and Grain Show for the third time won the world's prize for the best wheat, was born at Mossley, near Manchester, and worked with his father, who is a wholesale and retail coal dealer, amusing himself by breeding for exhibition dogs, rabbits, and poultry, before coming to Canada.

Dr. Seager Wheeler, of Rosthern, who won the world's prize five times, was born in the Isle of Wight, and worked in a seed house and a book store as his early training, before growing the best wheat that could be grown in North America, where the world's best wheat is produced. Major H. G. L. Strange, of Fenn, Alberta, who won the world's prize last year at Chicago, was a chemist, and was an expert machine-gun officer during the war, with no farming experience until after the close of the world war.

Samuel L. Larcombe, of Birtle, Manitoba, who won the world's prize about ten years ago, had a little experience in growing flowers and vegetables before coming to Western Canada. "It's dogged as does it," and the persistence and determination, as well as the keen enjoyment of a contest characteristic of the race are largely responsible for these remarkable victories.

HEAVY LOSS.

Mr. Mitchell twice suffered the heavy loss of having his buildings burned down, one year losing all his seed, feed, and machinery, but never losing sight of what he first set out to do—namely, to produce the best spring wheat that could be grown on the North American Continent. Securing a sample of Marquis wheat shortly after this variety had been first distributed by the originator—Dr. Chas. Saunders, Dominion Experimental Farm, Ottawa—within a few years he had developed a strain of Marquis which was absolutely true to type, and would not break up into bearded or other varieties, and he had sufficient confidence to show a sample of this at the local fair. To his surprise, as well as his pleasure, his wheat won the first prize.

The following year he was encouraged to send an exhibit to Chicago, and he was one of the most surprised men in the province when he found that his wheat had won the first prize in the world's sweepstakes. This was in 1919, and the following year he repeated his victory; in 1921 he won the second prize. He went down to twelfth place in 1922, came up to fifth place in 1923, and this year has again won the first place, with Dr. Seager Wheeler a very close second.

In commenting on his victory, Mr. Mitchell said that unless a man had an actual love for his work it was of very little use to attempt the difficult experiences that come to the lot of the seed grower. Mr. Mitchell is being rewarded by a trip to the old country on immigration work. He will be back early in the spring, ready to seed wheat which may win still another world's prize.—(Reuter.)

NEW YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES.

GOVERNORS TAKE OFFICE.

Although a new President of the United States does not take office until March 4, the terms of most newly-elected State Governors begin on New Year's Day. Yesterday in 34 of the 48 States there was installed a chief Executive who was elected in November last.

In spite of the Republican landslide at the Presidential election, the administration of many of the several States will be in control of the Democrats. There will be a Democratic Governor, for instance, in New York, the greatest State in the Union, and also in Ohio, which ranks fourth in population. Texas, again, which is fifth in population and easily first in size—it is as large as England and France put together—will also have a Democrat in the seat of authority.

Four-fifths of such questions as occupy the attention of the British Parliament fall in America within the province of the State Governments, not the Federal Government. These Governments enact and administer the whole of the criminal law. Such varied matters as public health, marriage and divorce, property rights, land tenure, education, mine and factory inspection, the regulation of business corporations, and the relations of Capital and Labour come mainly within the purview of the Governments of the several States. The election of a Republican President will not prevent the Democrats from exercising authority in these affairs in States where they are in a majority.

WHERE KNITTED WEAR IS CHEAP.—The mild weather which prevailed during early winter resulted in a very slow demand for knitted wear. Now at the Marleen Salons, 114 St. Stephen's Green, stocks of smart Costumes, Jumpers, Cardigans, and Frocks—in exclusive styles and colourings—are exceptionally heavy. For speedy clearance a two weeks' Sale is being held, at which all these, as well as stylish Afternoon and Evening Frocks, are being offered at quite extraordinary prices.—(Advt.)

UNEMPLOYMENT IN DUBLIN.

CAUSES AND SUGGESTED REMEDIES.

THE "DOLE" AMONG THE EVILS.

Despite last year's poor harvest and the numerous industrial disputes, distress and poverty have not been felt to an unusual degree in Dublin.

Inquiries made in well-informed circles yesterday lead to the conclusion that poverty this season has been prevalent in no more marked degree than that of any corresponding season of the past five years. In the opinion of one experienced in charitable work the season in that respect is almost normal. It is true, however, that unemployment is rife throughout the city, and its daily tendency is to increase. The number of admissions to the Dublin Union to the end of 1924, however, show a falling tendency. The total number of inmates on the last night of the year was 3,300. The Union provides for all the poor of Dublin County, the infirm and healthy inmates of Rathdown and Balrothery Unions, and for that portion of Celbridge which lies within the county. It is remarkable that from so wide an area no more than 3,300 people should have sought refuge in the Union. In 1918, when the North and South Dublin Unions were amalgamated, there were some 4,400 inmates in the South Dublin Union alone, and upwards of 3,000 in the North Union. Since then the numbers have shown a steady decline. Among the reasons given for it are the numbers who served in the Great War, unemployment insurance and out-door relief.

"CASUALS."

A feature of "Poor Law" administration, which, on the face of it, would appear to indicate that poverty is taking a firm hold on the city, is the startling increase of the classes known as "casuals"—persons seeking a night's shelter in the Union. For some months these admissions have shown, on an average, about 130 per night, as compared with half a dozen or so before last March. "Casuals" before that month had to apply to the district Relieving officers for tickets of admission. But "casuals" now have to apply to an admission officer in the Union, whose knowledge of the applicants is virtually nil, and perforce accept them.

There has also been in existence for some time an arrangement between the Union and the St. Vincent de Paul, Back Lane Night Shelter, and the Council of the Dublin Unemployed, by which these institutions also send men for a night's shelter to the Union.

The Back Lane Shelter has accommodation for 110 men, and the number sheltered there during the past year was 37,264, an increase of over 4,000 on that of the preceding year. When the 110 beds available in the Shelter have been filled, the remaining applicants who are deemed deserving of a night's shelter are received in the Union.

This big increase of applicants for nightly shelter is attributed to several causes, among which are unemployment, demobilisation from the Army, and men coming from the country to seek work in Dublin.

There are more than 8,000 persons in receipt of outdoor relief. For the nine months—April to December, 1924—the amount handed to the Relieving officer to satisfy these claims was £74,700, and for the same period of 1923 the sum required was £97,800. It is claimed that the decrease—roughly, £23,000—has been made possible by the new system adopted by the Commissioners who were appointed in November, 1923, and who then established two Supervisors of Relieving officers.

"THE DOLE."

The unemployment "dole," in the opinion of those interviewed yesterday, is one of the principal causes which have created the present army of unemployed. They say that it has demoralised the men, and until that canker, as one of them described it, is removed they see but little hope of a return to normal working conditions. Another reason given for unemployment is that, while builders' contractors were perfectly willing to give work, they felt that until the workers would guarantee not to strike during the carrying out of a job, they would not feel justified in entering into contracts. "My opinion," said one gentleman who has been secretary to one of the principal charitable organisations in the city for over 30 years, "is that the only cure for unemployment is the stopping of all charitable sources and of unemployment insurance for, say, three years, and then men will go to work. The fact is that men will not work, and cases have come before me where men with families of six and seven, who were drawing small pensions of about £1 a week, refused good positions outside Dublin, their excuse being that they did not like to leave the city."

OBITUARY.

SIR F. C. GOULD.

The death is announced at Upway, Porlock, Somerset, yesterday, of Sir Francis Carruthers Gould, the famous Liberal cartoonist, at the age of 80. Sir Francis had been far from well for a considerable time, but he continued to work with pen and pencil until quite recently.

Born in Barnstaple, and the son of an architect, the future cartoonist went first to the Stock Exchange, of which he was a member for more than 20 years. He then turned to art work, by illustrating the Christmas number of *Truth*, and afterwards he did work for the *Star*. Then he took a real plunge into journalism by contributing to the *Pall Mall Gazette*, at that time a Liberal evening paper. When the *Pall Mall* changed its ownership he went to the *Westminster Gazette*, then an evening paper, and began his real work.

For many years Gould's cartoons in the old *Westminster* gave the paper a character of its own. Salisbury, Gladstone, Balfour, Harcourt, John Burns, Morley, Rosebery, Chamberlain, Campbell-Bannerman, Jesse Collings, and, in later days, Asquith, Bonar Law, and Lloyd George were his raw material, and he made magnificent use of them. No one ever depicted the spirit of the Joseph Chamberlain of the Boer war days and the days of the Tariff Reform campaign as F.C.G. did, and no one ever enjoyed them more than Mr. Chamberlain himself—in fact, he collected many of the originals.

In many a year 200 or more of his cartoons appeared in the old *Westminster*. When it gave place to a new-comer Gould dropped gradually out of London daily journalism, and devoted himself to natural history studies—his favourite hobby. He was knighted in 1906 after the great Liberal landslide.

In an obituary notice of Sir Francis Carruthers Gould, *The Times* says:—He was not technically a good caricaturist. Any student could find flaws in his drawing, and he had none of Tenniel's beauty of line or fine imagination. But of all the caricaturists of his time he was by far the most effective politically. In this respect his cartoons may be compared with those of Thomas Nash, but, whereas the American usually fought with the gloves off, Gould, in his widely different environment, was urbane and good humoured. He was in the line of succession to Doyle—"H.B."—who refined and civilised the ferocious humour which English caricature had inherited from the eighteenth century. His victims were among his greatest admirers.

MR. ANDREW SPROULL, OMAGH.

The death occurred yesterday at Omagh, after a brief illness, of Mr. Andrew Sproull, former manager of the Omagh Branch of the Provincial Bank of Ireland. Mr. Sproull was 73 years of age. A keen sportsman, he took part in the hunt of the Seskinore Harriers on Boxing Day, and was mounted as recently as Monday last. He took ill on Monday night, and pneumonia developed with fatal results. He took a prominent part in social and philanthropic work, and was treasurer of the Omagh District Nursing Society. He was prominently identified with the Masonic Order and was the oldest subscribing Mason in the Omagh district.

ALDERMAN THOMAS WILLIAM EVERARD.

Alderman Thomas William Everard, former High Sheriff of Leicestershire, and father of Mr. W. Lindsay Everard, M.P. for the Melton Division, died yesterday, aged 73.

HIBERNIAN BANK CLERKSHIPS.
Last exam., Nov., 1924.—Successful from SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 75 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin:—Messrs. T. Cahill, R. Finan, J. Hender, A. O'Byrne, J. O'Connell, P. T. Rooney. Special Oral and Correspondence Classes working for all Bank exams.—(Advt.)

THE GREAT GALE.

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turn was followed by heavy rain and a keen westerly wind, was experienced in Fermanagh during Wednesday night and yesterday. The lakes and rivers are all swollen, and cattle which are outdoor are suffering greatly. A lot of the hay which had been saved is now rotten.

No damage of any kind was reported in Belfast yesterday. Although the weather continued wet and windy the temperature was not so low as on Wednesday, when a regular gale was blowing.

GREAT BRITAIN.

HEAVY SNOWFALL IN SCOTLAND.

MANY DISTRICTS FLOODED.

Glasgow experienced its worst New Year's Day for a generation. Following a heavy snowfall, rain, accompanied by fierce squalls, occurred and seriously intefered with all outdoor sport. Football enthusiasts were extremely disappointed, and attendances were, perhaps, the smallest ever seen at New Year's Day matches.

Serious flooding is again reported from various districts, and in the North of Scotland the snowstorm rendered many roads impassable. These conditions curtailed numerous festivities arranged in rural districts.

"WORST FOR YEARS."

A terrific gale, accompanied by heavy rain, was raging in the Peak district of Derbyshire last night. The storm was the worst recorded for years.

PIT CLOSED.

Two thousand miners were rendered idle at the Ocean Colliery Company's pits at Treharris, Glamorgan, in consequence of an electric motor and a compressor connected with the winding gear of number one pit having been damaged by lightning late the previous night, when a heavy thunderstorm was experienced in the district. The night shift were raised to the surface by the steam power retained at number two pit.

LONDON'S GALE.

The high wind of yesterday morning and afternoon developed last night into a fierce gale, with blinding sheets of rain. In London at midnight people had difficulty in keeping their foothold in the streets.

The wind came in overpowering gusts, and played havoc with chimney pots and roof slates. In Ruder street, St. James's, near the Eccentric Club, four chimneys were blown from the roof of a block of flats.

Fleet street and Ludgate Circus were inundated, and streams of water, more than two feet wide, rushed along the gutters.

Theatre-goers stepped out of their cosy seats into the thick of the storm, and there was a wild rush for the tubes and late trams and buses.

Something resembling a cloudburst swept through Chiswick.

At Hull hailstones big as marbles were formed into drifts by the wind.

SPANISH SHIP WRECKED.

DEATHS FROM EXPOSURE IN OPEN BOAT.

The Spanish steamer Alfredo, 920 tons, of Santander, was wrecked thirty miles from the Breton port of Morlaix last Monday. The crew of nineteen took to the boats, but six men died of exposure. The survivors were rescued in an exhausted condition on Thursday morning.

CREW'S ORDEAL.

FIGHTING THE STORM FOR SIX DAYS.

The Norwegian steamer Sonja, of Christiansund, has been towed into the Tyne badly damaged, with four of the crew injured, in a storm encountered two days out from Arandal, which the vessel left on Christmas Eve, bound for Barry with a cargo of deals, part of which was carried on deck. When 120 miles east of Flamborough Head both the steam steering gear and the hand gear were smashed by heavy seas, and the rudder was carried away. As the ship was drifting helplessly the deck cargo broke loose, the main-mast was carried overboard, the anchor lost, and the cabins were flooded. The fastenings of the hatch covers were also broken, and in efforts to repair these the four men were injured.

Another steamer came in sight, but was unable to help owing to the storm, and eventually a German trawler towed the Sonja for eighteen hours, but then had to cast off. The trawler, however, stood by throughout the night, and in the morning resumed towing, and the two vessels reached the Tyne, and the Sonja was taken by tugs to South Shields. Here the captain, with injuries to his foot, the mate, and a sailor were treated on board, and a fireman was admitted to the infirmary with an injured shoulder. The crew had been on duty for six days and nights continuously.

STEAMER BREAKS IN TWO.

A Lloyd's Seaforth message says that the following message was received from the British steamer Western Valleys:—"Ashore Heysham Harbour. Broken in two."

The Western Valleys, 3,106, of Swansea, was bound for Heysham with coal.

ATLANTIC.

LINER'S BRIDGE SMASHED.

AQUITANIA 30 HOURS LATE: HER WORST PASSAGE.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
NEW YORK, Thursday.

The giant Cunard liner Aquitania (45,647 tons) arrived here to-day thirty hours late after weathering the severest storm the vessel has ever encountered on the Atlantic passage.

The vessel left Southampton the day before Christmas, and, after calling at Cherbourg, the huge liner encountered tremendous seas. The bridge was smashed, and also many of the deck windows on the starboard side, two of the ship's officers being cut by the broken glass.

No injury, however, was suffered by any of the passengers, who, towards the end of the voyage, presented a testimonial to the captain for the masterly way in which he had handled the vessel.

BAD WEATHER AND GOOD HEALTH.

INTERESTING STATISTICS.

Last year saw very little good weather; there was greatly excessive rainfall and deficient sunshine. Nevertheless it was a remarkably healthy year, according to British statistics just published.

The Meteorological Office, Air Ministry, reports that at Kew, Richmond, the annual rainfall was 30.9 inches, an excess of seven inches but while this figure falls short by eight inches of the record rainfall of 1903, as observed at Kew, there was in 1924, a record rainfall observed at Hampstead. July was the wettest month, and February the driest; the wetness of the year thus bearing out the proverb that all the year rues a dry February. The Midlands and the South suffered heavier rainfall than any other part of Britain.

January, 1924, saw the biggest snowfall in London for many years. In the same month there were floods, and at Clonmel the waters rose to the level of the 1840 flood. February was dull, but March, besides being dry, was bright; April was wet and dull, and May was stormy, there being no day in the whole month without thunder being recorded in some part of the British Islands. A wet, cold, unsettled summer followed, with two small breaks—one towards the end of June and the other in the middle of July.

During August there was an amazing rainfall to the east of the Quantock Hills in Somerset, when 9.1 inches of rain fell in one day. This fall has only once being exceeded in the national records, when, in 1917, there was a one-day fall of 9.6 inches at very nearly the same place.

The British death-rate for 1924 was slightly higher than that for 1923, owing to an outbreak of influenza last winter. The summer, autumn and winter of 1924, however, were the healthiest on record. The birth-rate continued to shrink.

BRITISH BUDGET MAY BALANCE.

BIG RECEIPTS EXPECTED BEFORE MARCH 31.

SIGNS OF TRADE REVIVAL.

Although the British Treasury statement for the nine months ending December 31st, 1924, shows an adverse balance of £89,086,803, it is probable that the deficit will be wiped out by March 31st, 1925, as the last three months are the most productive quarter of the financial year. The New Year opens with considerable optimism among business men, who regard the prospect as the brightest since the end of the Great War.

BALANCING THE BUDGET.

Mr. Snowden budgeted for a small surplus of revenue over expenditure, and both on the revenue and expenditure sides the national account for 1924-25 is in practice working out pretty much in accord with his anticipations.

It was estimated last April that revenue in the twelve months ending next March would show a reduction of over £43,000,000 compared with the previous year. The actual reduction in the nine months April-December, with two-thirds of the total revenue collected, is £29,180,872.

Expenditure in the nine months is down by £983,000 compared with the corresponding period of the previous year. The Budget provided for an increase in expenditure over the 12 months of £1,185,000.

Revenue collected in the nine months amounted to £504,104,190, and expenditure amounted to £593,190,993, the excess of expenditure over revenue being £89,086,803.

The amount of revenue which remains to be collected in the next three months to complete the financial year is £289,950,810; and if expenditure is in accord with the estimates this will be more than sufficient to balance the Budget.

COTTON TRADE REVIVAL.

There are many encouraging factors. One of these is the gradual increase of working hours, after several years of acute depression in the spinning and manufacturing mills which use American-grown cotton.

Development in the cotton industry always widens out to other industries. Shipping, for instance, benefits by the very significant fact that Britain imports all the raw material and exports the major part of the manufactures. Engineering is stimulated by the renewal of machinery, and extensive internal transport benefits accrue because of the many times the raw material and the finished article are carried from place to place in the course of production.

It is to be borne in mind that the cotton industry has still some distance to go before full-time working conditions will be possible, but there is good reason for hoping that this time will not be long delayed.

ANOTHER JUMP IN THE £.

The foreign exchanges have reflected the improvement that has taken place in world conditions during the year just ended, and most foreign currencies are on a more stable basis now than they were at the end of 1923. Sterling opened the year at 4.31 dollars to the £, and subsequently dipped to 4.20, but from that point there has been a steady and practically continuous appreciation.

It is notable that following on the publication of the fact that the Governor of the Bank of England and one of his fellow-directors have arrived in New York, a fresh upward movement has occurred in the sterling dollar exchange to 4.74½. This is a new record in the past six years, and brings the rate up so well in its progress towards parity that it represents a depreciation of only 2½ per cent. It is confidently expected that the remaining fraction will be bridged before very long, and the view is expressed that the visit of the Bank of England directors to America has a connection with developments of the exchange.

THE FOREIGN EXCHANGES.

French francs are a little worse on the year at 87.20, the Paris cheque on January 1, 1924, standing at 84.65. There has meanwhile been the notable relapse in March last to 138¼ francs for the £, when only drastic measures saved the franc from completely collapsing. Since then movements have been erratic owing to the unsatisfactory financial methods of the French Government, but of late France has been making more earnest efforts to balance her Budget and to deflate her currency, with the result that the latter was again on the upgrade at the close of the year.

The Belgian francs have generally moved in unison with their French neighbour, but Italian lire have finished the year at almost the worst point touched since the Fascist Government took control. In January the rate was down to 94¼ to the £, but has lately been up to 113. Political uncertainties and the bad harvest, necessitating heavy imports of wheat, have been the principal causes of the recent depreciation.

Dutch and Scandinavian currencies have cheapened in relation to sterling these moving more or less in unison with the dollar, while the old German mark has during the year been replaced by the Reichsmark, which is on a gold basis, and is, therefore, quoted at a higher value of sterling in terms of dollars.

Mid-European currencies have generally been very steady and show little change on the year, but some sharp rises have occurred among South American exchanges. Rupees have appreciated a little, while Japanese yen are about 6d. cheaper, owing to the after-effects of the great earthquake.

RECORD BANKING YEAR.

In the year 1924 the grand total of bankers' clearings was a record, the figure of £39,532,864,000 beating even the "boom" year of 1920, when higher prices for everything helped to swell the assets. Thus the turnover of British banking in a year when trade has not been altogether satisfactory, though improving, has achieved its highest level. Whence the increase.

The interesting review of the Bankers' Clearing House, issued with the utmost promptness, as usual, says the most important factor contributing to the increase is the more frequent turnover of money in the short loan market. Stock Exchange settling days, of which there were 24 in 1924 against 26 in 1923, show a decrease of £198,254,000 compared with the previous year, but the average on the fewer days was higher in 1924. The pleasantest news in the review is "indications of a revival in trade in the second half of the year as compared with 1923 may be observed, and the figures of the country cheque clearings, together with those of the ten provincial clearings, confirm this."

London business should be better, judging by the figures. The Metropolitan clearings, which are comparatively free from purely financial operations, such as swell town clearings—those mainly of the City—show a total of £1,594,114,000, an increase of £47,549,000 over 1923.

The review says that there is no doubt that the big influx of visitors in connection with the Wembley Exhibition is reflected in the figures of the summer months. It is interesting, however, to notice that November and December both show substantial increases. November's increase was £4,022,000 and December's £10,729,000 over the same months of last year. The third quarter of the year—which includes the visiting months—showed an increase of £22,934,000 in Metropolitan clearings, and the fourth quarter one of £19,973,000. The first two quarters together showed an increase of a little over £7,000,000.

THE BANK RETURN.

The Bank return, which is made up to the last day of 1924, would appear to indicate that the borrowings from the central institution were greater on the part of the Government than by the market. The Government securities show an increase, presumably the result of an excess of Treasury Bill maturities, while the increase in the "other" securities—indicating the extent of the market's borrowings at the end of the year—was only £20,000,000.

As also there was a decrease of £6,340,000 in the public deposits, and the reserve showed an increase of £1,491,713, the private deposits are practically £54,500,000 higher at £165,779,092.

The reserve has been raised to a little over £20,000,000, but, owing to the exceptionally heavy addition to the deposits, its proportion to liabilities has fallen fully 3¼ per cent. to 11¼ per cent.

The present total of the private deposits is fully £15,500,000 larger than at this time last year, while the corresponding increase in the Government securities is over £15,250,000. The "other" securities, however, show a decline of fully £5,250,000 on last year's figure.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

THE LAST OF CHRISTIANIA.—Christiania, capital of Norway, became Oslo yesterday.

THE DEATH-RATE.—The annual death-rate in Great Britain last week averaged 11.8 per thousand.

HIGH STEWARD OF BRISTOL.—The Duke of Beaufort was elected yesterday by the Bristol City Council to succeed his late father as High Steward.

A GIFT IN OIL.—Mr. John D. Rockefeller, jun., has given £200,000 in stock of the Standard Oil Company of California to the Metropolitan Museum of New York.

CANADIANS IN FRANCE.—Mr. Wilson, a Canadian Senator, has given £30,000 to establish in France a college for Canadian students. The gift has been officially accepted by the Paris University.

EARTHQUAKE IN LANCASHIRE.—An earthquake shock in East Lancashire, confirmed by Stonyhurst Observatory, is described by Blackburn residents as making a noise like a hurricane.

MENDING A LINER.—The liner Majestic, which was found to have a crack in her side when she reached New York at Christmas, is to be repaired by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, of Belfast.

THE KING'S TRAINER.—Sir Walter Gilbey and Mr. E. Somerville Tattersall are organising a presentation in the form of a cheque to Mr. Richard Marsh, who has just retired from the position of King's trainer.

A HOSPITAL'S LUCK.—A promise by Mr. C. Serecold, the Treasurer of King's College Hospital, London, to give £1,000 towards the funds, if nine others would give similar amounts, had a last-minute fulfilment.

BOY BOXERS.—The eight-year-old Marquis Townshend's opponent in his boxing match at the stable lads' tournament at the National Sporting Club on January 5 will be Master Louis Daw, aged eight years, of Westminster School.

WOMAN SOLICITOR'S SUCCESS.—Miss Ingram, a woman solicitor, was successful, at Lambeth County Court, in defending an action for the return of £25 premium paid for apprenticing a boy to learn the trade of a barber.

BATTLESHIP DOOMED.—Orders have been given for the battleship Monarch to be ready for towing away from Portsmouth about January 12. A few days later she will be sunk at sea in accordance with the provisions of the Washington Treaty.

MUNICIPAL AMENITIES.—Aldershot's Mayor and Corporation, with officials, were entertained to a banquet at Aldershot by the Aldershot Gas and Water and Electric Lighting Company, to mark the conclusion of many years' contentious correspondence and litigation between the parties.

MOTOR FATALITY.—Early yesterday morning a motor car containing four persons ran into some water on the road near Newport, Salop, and then collided with some stones. The car overturned, and Frederick Charles Rees, Post Office sorting clerk, was killed.

BISHOP'S ESCAPE.—Monsignor Moury, the French Bishop in charge of the missions on the Ivory Coast, is seriously ill from the effects of being bitten on the leg by a poisonous snake at Dabore. His life was only saved by the immediate injection of a serum.

BRISTOL CUSTOMS RETURNS.—Bristol Customs figures for last year show that the duty paid on tobacco amounted to £21,429,508 and on beer to £1,957,369. The docks traffic returns showed a marked advance on the previous year's figures.

THE WELSH COLLIERY DISASTER.—The bodies of the two remaining victims of the colliery disaster at Killan, near Swansea, were recovered yesterday. That of Archie Davies was found in the morning, and later the body of Philip Goodbear was discovered close by.

WORSE THAN THE DISEASE.—Going to bed wearing wet woollen stockings wrung out of ice-cold water, drinking seven cups of coffee, and eating a pound of monkey-nuts before retiring, were among the suggestions received by a Chicago man in reply to his offer of £100 for an effective cure for insomnia.

MUTUAL INVESTMENT.—At Highgate Charles Thomas Adams, milk roundsman, of Upper Park road, New Southgate, was sentenced to two months in the second division for stealing £181 from the Village Mutual Investment Society, Muswell Hill, of which he was secretary.

FALSE LEG RUN OVER.—An elderly man had his artificial leg amputated when he fell in front of a Bakerloo train at Paddington (London) Underground Station yesterday. He escaped with an injury to his head and is expected to recover. His sound leg was not hurt.

NOT TOO OLD AT SEVENTY.—The combined ages of the bride and bridegroom at a Ramsgate wedding were 138 years. The bridegroom, Mr. R. A. N. Foreman, was 70, and the bride, Mrs. Dons, daughter of a naval officer, 68. She was "given away" by a woman friend, whose age was over 60.

DON QUIXOTE AS BURGLAR.—A Barnes woman, giving evidence at Mortlake Police Court against an ex-convict whom she found in her flat, said she seized him by the back of the neck, took him along the hall into the street and shouted for help. The accused said he would rather go to prison fifty times than strike a woman, and that was how he allowed himself to be taken.

VIOLINIST DEPORTED.—Edward Soermus, the Russian violinist who was under orders to leave British soil, left London for Germany. He was deported in 1919. In February, 1924, the order was revoked to allow him to visit his wife and children. Another visit was authorised in April, the permit extending to July 31. This was further extended to December 31.

POISONED WITH HOLLY BERRIES.—At an inquest at Islington (London) on an eight-year-old girl it was stated that on Saturday night, December 20, the child was seen eating holly berries. Next morning she complained of headache, and later became drowsy. During the night she suffered intense pain in the stomach, and died on Monday from intestinal inflamation, caused by eating the berries. A verdict of death by misadventure was recorded.

MINER'S DISCOVERY.—What is believed to be a genuine Raphael, a picture of Cupid and Psyche, has been bought by a miner named John Millington, of Rotherham, near Sheffield, at a local second-hand shop. He gave only a small sum for it, and did not know at the time that it was more than a commonplace painting. The picture is to be examined by the National Gallery authorities next week.

NEW THAMES BRIDGE?—The Transport Minister, Colonel Wilfrid Ashley, M.P., met a gathering of bridge commissioners and other interested persons at Richmond Bridge to discuss the inadequacy of the bridge for present traffic. Richmond Bridge, which was built in 1770, is only 25 feet wide. Its picturesqueness has for many years saved it from destruction. An expedient discussed is the construction of a new Thames bridge on the line of the new Chertsey road.

NEW TIMES.—With the advent of the New Year a reform took effect—the synchronisation of civil and astronomical time. From time immemorial the astronomical day has begun at noon. Beginning yesterday in accordance with the decision of the Lords of the Admiralty the nautical and the civil calendars are to begin together. The change which has now taken effect was suggested by Laplace in 1804, and has been debated ever since. The new method, however, was adopted at Greenwich Observatory many years ago, and on January 1, 1885, the public clock at the Observatory gate was set to the new time.

WOMEN TEACHERS' DEMANDS.—The Conference of the National Union of Women Teachers at Birmingham yesterday passed a resolution that the headships of mixed schools and all administrative posts and the inspectorate should be open to women equally with men. One speaker deprecated girls who were working for other things wasting their time in acquiring a smattering of domestic knowledge, which they would never need in their future life, and suggested there should be some kind of domestic training for boys as well as girls. Another speaker said that the omission from the King's Speech of any reference to the larger interests of women was an insult to women.

120 MILES AN HOUR.—A remarkable police computation that a motor cyclist might have been riding 120 miles an hour along a winding road in the darkness was made at Chertsey (Surrey) yesterday, when Harold Burgess, of Addlestone, was summoned for exceeding the speed limit, for not having an efficient silencer, and for refusing to stop when called upon to do so by the police. Police Constable Rose said that when he heard the machine Burgess might have been a mile or a half-mile away. It took the machine half a minute to get to the police. Counsel—A mile in half a minute. That would be 120 miles an hour. The defence was that it was a case of mistaken identity, and by a majority of the Bench all the summonses were dismissed.

The "state of siege" which has been in force in Brazil for some time past has been extended until April 10th.

BRITAIN'S FOOD SUPPLIES.

MORE HOME PRODUCE WANTED.

"The British food position is growing precarious in peace and it became desperate in war. We can no longer count upon adequate oversea supplies either in peace or in war."

This view was expressed yesterday by Sir Leo Chiozza Money, in his evidence before the Food Commission in London. He submitted that the British food prices were rising before the war and would have continued to rise if the war had not occurred. The rise, therefore, was not a reflection of "profiteering," but of serious alterations in economic factors, and those factors must be faced.

PRODUCE IN BULK.

The witness said that production of food in Great Britain must be increased, and they could either pay bounties to stimulate home production or organise the best use of British soil and buy resulting produce in bulk. The export surpluses of the Dominions and other British Possessions should be bought by the Imperial Government in bulk.

The administration of the scheme should be entrusted to the new Department of Supply, and a responsible Minister would be charged, in effect, with provisioning the nation.

The old dirt-cheap American wheat supply, witness suggested, had disappeared for ever. The days of dirt-cheap cotton had also gone for ever. So had the days of wool at fivepence.

NATIONALISATION.

The new department should have as its first duty the formation of national food budgets, so that they should no longer leave the food supply of the United Kingdom to the precarious conditions of chance and hazard.

If it were suggested, a dearer loaf would result; he would say the price of bread had already doubled without the assistance of a State Department. Unless something on a large scale was attempted, they might easily see an eightpenny loaf before another generation had passed.

Sir Auckland Geddes—Does the scheme involve complete obliteration of private traders, so far as they are engaged in the wholesale handling and distribution of the principal foods.

Witness—I am afraid, sir, that in the long run it does. The body I proposed might operate entirely outside State functions. I am not pushing nationalisation of the scheme as being essential.

Sir Auckland Geddes—It seems to me that you are introducing a completely new scale of diplomatic relations; introducing new difficulties into a world that is settling down with difficulty after the war.

Sir Auckland suggested that the witness's proposal struck at the very root of the existing relations between nations, but Sir Leo said he thought the scheme, on the contrary, would lead to better international relations

The Commission has adjourned until next Wednesday.

BLASCO IBANEZ AND THE MONARCHY.

REFUSAL TO FIGHT A DUEL.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Thursday.

Senor Blasco Ibanez, the Spanish novelist, who has gained much recent notoriety by his pamphlet against the Spanish Monarchy, defends his right to refuse challenges of substitutes for King Alfonso of Spain or General Primo de Rivera by declaring that he has fought many duels in his time and has been twice seriously wounded.

"Twice I was desperately wounded in duels which followed articles written in my youth, and I only escaped death by a miracle," the novelist declared. "There is, therefore, no reason now for me to demonstrate my courage, nor to accept mercenary substitutes for the only two persons I have provoked."

Comparing himself to Victor Hugo, who, during his eighteen years' exile on the Island of Guernsey, campaigned against Napoleon III., and to Emile Zola, who refused to be swerved from his purpose in entering the Dreyfus case, Senor Blasco Ibanez announced that he would emulate these writers, and continue straight to the end, without listening to the barking dogs along the way.

"My work has only begun," he said. "I propose to consecrate the remainder of my life to the liberation of my country. I am now engaged in preparing another series of articles confirming and developing the charges I have made against the brutal *regime* that is throttling Spain. Since my first pamphlet attacking them, King Alfonso and the Directoria have spent huge sums of money buying the services of journalists to combat Republican propaganda. They have accused me of selling my pen to the Soviets, when everybody knows that I am not a Communist, but simply a Republican. The very fact that I can be made out a terrible Revolutionary shows the vast ignorance of the Government in Spain.

"I realise that it would be better if the things I have to say could be said only among Spaniards; but how can one speak freely in my country, where the right of assembly is forbidden, and a mere café conversation is sufficient cause for arrest? Regarding the threats that have been made of an aggression against me, I can only say that, if anyone attempts to carry them out, he will meet with the response which is legitimately due."

The novelist goes constantly armed.

RAINFALL IN 1924.

51 INCHES IN KILKENNY.

The following is the rainfall return for 1924 compiled by Mr. E. Sutton, The Gardens, Mount Juliet, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny:—

Month.	Total Depth. Inches.	Greatest Fall in 24 Hours. Inches.	Date.	No. of Days 0.01 or More Registered
January	8.18	1.51	12	24
February	2.17	1.57	8	14
March	0.67	.37	22	5
April	3.13	.73	29	15
May	4.12	.92	9	27
June	5.61	.86	11	19
July	3.93	1.04	3	21
August	3.54	1.23	21	21
September	6.52	2.04	29	21
October	4.11	.58	18	23
November	4.57	1.14	26	18
December	5.25	.84	29	22
Total	51.80			249

HOWTH CASTLE, COUNTY DUBLIN.

	Inches.		Inches.
January	3.90	August	3.96
February	0.64	September	5.35
March	0.75	October	1.87
April	1.88	November	2.79
May	2.72	December	3.90
June	3.04		
July	3.49	Total	34.27

Greatest fall, September 19th, 1.31 inches. 202 rainy days.

BLANDSFORT, QUEEN'S COUNTY.

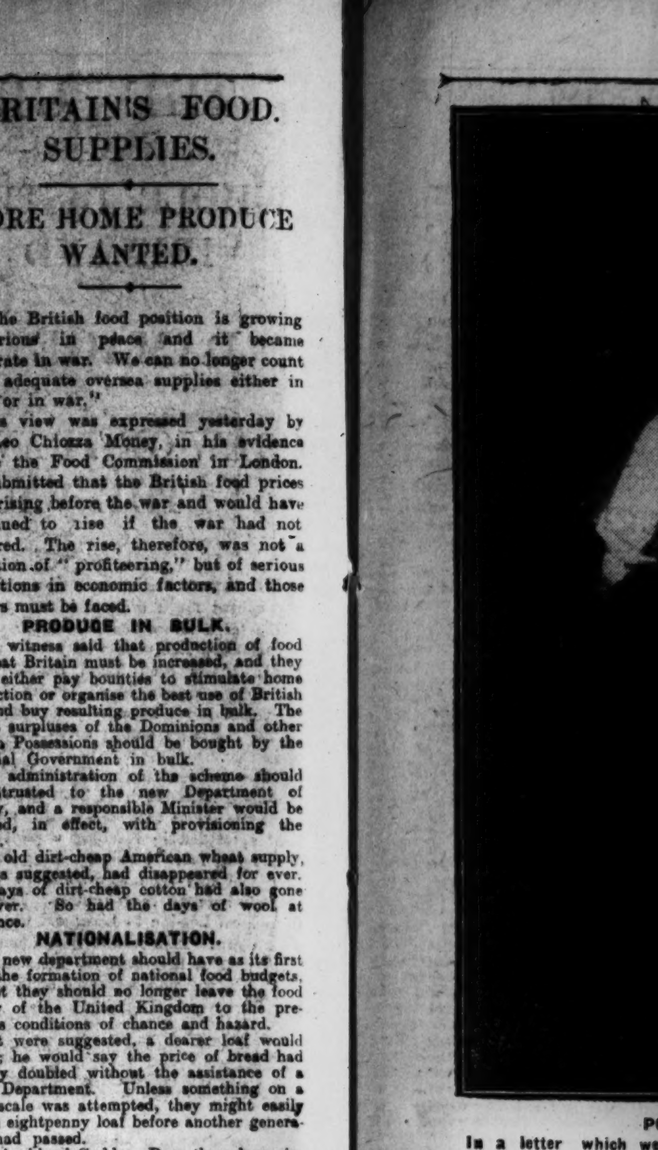
Month	Total Depth. Inches.	Greatest Fall in 24 Hours. Inches.	Date.	No. of Days 0.01 or More Recorded.
January	6.11	1.18	12	22
February	1.50	1.12	8	13
March	.84	.24	4	8
April	3.20	.61	26	15
May	3.62	.63	9	21
June	4.24	.75	11	22
July	3.57	.60	28	20
August	3.50	.57	28	26
September	5.73	1.20	29	21
October	3.32	.68	18	21
November	4.27	1.33	25	18
December	5.49	.96	15	20
Total	45.49			231

The average rainfall for the last 51 years is 36.40, and the average number of days on which rain fell is 214. The wettest year on record is 1903, when 47.03 inches fell on 251 days, and the driest year 1887, when 24.59 inches fell on 167 days. 1924 is the third wettest year—in 1900 46.95 inches fell

HUME BLAND.

SUMMER GROVE, MOUNTMELLICK.

Month.	Inches.	Days on which more than .02 inches fell.
January	4.47	23
February	.91	8
March	.77	9
April	2.86	11
May	3.87	22
June	3.40	23
July	3.97	23
August	4.86	26
September	7.37	22
October	3.42	21
November	5.26	18
December	5.81	26
Total	45.97	232



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DEPARTURES.—The Hon. E... Walsh, A. S. Montgomery, ... Flynn, Mrs. Dean, J. D. Smyll... W. Butler, T. Brophy, Mrs. C... Gilchrist, Miss Sissions, Miss R... M. White, Miss D. Maunsell ... Barnet, Mrs. O'Leary, C. L. ... McElwel, Dr. D. McElwel, F. ... B. Jennings, T. P. Fitzpatrick... Mrs. Stokes, T. Keys.

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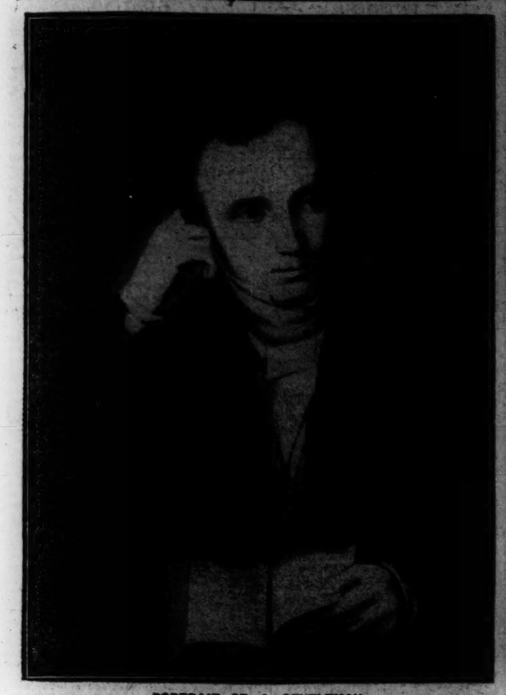

PORTRAIT OF A GENTLEMAN.
In a letter which we print to-day Mr. F. J. Bigger, of Belfast, seeks information concerning the identity of this portrait.

Taking the Hurdles in the Killester Hurdle Race at Baldoyle yesterday.

A Neck-and-neck Jump in the Sutton Steeplechase at Baldoyle yesterday.

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

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CAROLS AT ST. AIDAN'S.—A Carol Service will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in St. Aidan's Church, Lower Drumcondra road. The soloists will include Madame Alicia Keogh and Mr. Robert Cubbe. There will be concerted items by the Buchanan Glee Party. Canon Wilson will deliver an address on "The History of Carols."

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PRACTICAL ECONOMY.—The Commissioner for King's County refused to allow the usual amount for extra food for the inmates of the infirmary at Christmas owing to the state of the finances. Local people subscribed to a fund which enabled the nuns to provide Christmas fare for the inmates.

NO QUORUM.—The monthly meeting of the County Wicklow Board of Health fell through as there was no quorum, with the result that extra outdoor relief for Christmas could not be granted, as has been the custom for some years. An effort to hold the meeting yesterday also proved abortive, as there was again no quorum.

MILK AT 6d. A QUART.—Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, milkmen have increased the price of milk to sixpence a quart. The contract price to the Thomastown County Home is a shilling a gallon. Butter is 2s. 5d. a pound retail and 1s. 10d wholesale. The price of milk in Dublin, delivered, is 8d. a quart.

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MUNSTER.

POVERTY IN CLARE.—At a meeting of the Clare County Board of Health, the Chairman said that the Government was making a grant of £1,300 to County Leitrim for the supply of fuel and potatoes to necessitous people. Clare, he said, was a much bigger county, and the necessity for a similar grant was much more urgent. The Board requested the Government to send a thousand tons of coal to Kilrush for distribution along the coast and the River Shannon, and three hundred tons for distribution in the Ennis area. A supply of potatoes was also requested.

OVERCROWDED WORKHOUSE.—As the County Home at Ennis is overcrowded, the Local Government Department has been requested to remove some of the inmates to the Nursery at Kilrush, in which there is ample accommodation owing to the extension of the boarding-out system for children. There are 400 persons in the County Home (formerly workhouse).

ULSTER.

MONAGHAN DRAINAGE PROSPECTS.—Our Ballybay, Co. Monaghan, Correspondent writes:—Following the visit of the Minister of Finance to the flooded farms between Ballybay and Cootehill, a representative Drainage Committee is about to be formed for the area. Under a relief works scheme this committee will obtain financial assistance to carry out at least a portion of the drainage works.

The Local Government Department has sanctioned a pension of £120 a year to Mr. P. B. Hynes, formerly Master of Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare, Workhouse.

At the sales rooms, 57 Dame street, yesterday, Messrs. Garland and Co. disposed of "Ivetta," Great Strand street, Skerries, after spirited bidding, for £825.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

BELFAST SHEBEEN.—George Barnes, Lord street, Belfast, was ordered one month's imprisonment at Belfast yesterday for keeping a quantity of liquor for sale without a licence. The accused man was awarded £1,910 as compensation under the recent Licensing Act for loss of his business, and the magistrate declared that he would not be permitted to supplement this by carrying on a shebeen. The defendant contended that the port was kept for his wife, who was an invalid.

FATAL GUN ACCIDENT.—Special Constable J. Semple, a clerk in the district commandant's office at Clogher Park, Co. Tyrone, died yesterday from a gunshot wound accidentally received on the previous day while shooting rabbits. Semple struck at a rabbit with the butt of his gun, which was discharged, and he was wounded in the groin.

100 PER CENT. INTEREST.—During the hearing at Londonderry yesterday of a case against a man for failing to repay within a specified time a sum of money obtained from a money-lender, it was stated that the defendant had borrowed £5 and gave a bill for £7. He had repaid £4, and promised to pay the balance at 1s. a week. The Recorder remarked: "That is 100 per cent. interest." The Court made an order for the payment at 1s. a week.

ILLICIT DISTILLATION IN TYRONE.—Police found a still in full working order in a shed at Araghiagan, Carrickmore, Co. Tyrone. Two men rushed out when the police arrived, and one was captured. A quantity of poteen and wash were discovered. The still was conveyed to Carrickmore Barracks.

EX-SOLDIER'S SAD END.—The body of the man who was seen struggling in the canal at Strabane last Tuesday night was recovered on Wednesday, and was identified as that of an ex-soldier named Gallagher, of Castlefin. Gallagher lost an eye in the war, and it is supposed that he walked into the canal in the darkness owing to his defective sight.

DEATH OF NEWRY EX-OFFICIAL.—A cablegram received in Newry announces the death last Saturday, at Bendigo, Victoria, Australia, of Mr. John Robb, formerly an overseer in Newry Post Office. Mr. Robb emigrated eighteen months ago for reasons of health. He had served in Portadown and Strabane Post Offices.

ONE-SIDED RECOGNITION.—Patrick Toner, Lower English street, Armagh, was, at Armagh yesterday, fined 10s. and costs for cycling after dark without a light. The policeman who served the summons said that the defendant told him that he did not recognise the police or the summons.

MAGISTRATE AND ABSTINENCE PLEDGES.—"I don't believe in pledges," said a magistrate at Londonderry Police Court when dealing with a case of drunkenness, in which it was suggested that the prisoner should take the pledge. The defendant was discharged.

LURGAN WORKHOUSE CHAPLAIN.—The Northern Government has accepted the resignation of Dean O'Loughlin, formerly Rector of Lurgan, of the position of Chaplain in the Lurgan Workhouse, and has sanctioned the appointment of Canon Arthur W. Shannon, the new Rector of Lurgan, as Chaplain at a salary of £50 a year.

NEW YEAR CLEMENCY.—At Armagh Petty Sessions yesterday Patrick Little was charged with drunkenness, but the magistrate, as it was New Year's Day, told the defendant to go home and sin no more. The defendant—Thank you, sir. A happy new year to you.

Lurgan Union estimate and demand for the ensuing year is £11,982, or 1s. 4d. in the £. This is one penny in the £ less than in the current year.

Twenty-five Curfew offenders were discharged in the Belfast Summons Court yesterday in view of the withdrawal of the regulations since the offences were committed.

Belfast Corporation yesterday approved of applications to the Ministry of Home Affairs for sanctions to loans of £2,586 for a playground at Clara street; £17,000 for street widening in Cregagh road, Malone road, and Woodvale, and the construction of a sewer in Forth River Valley.

GAS EXPLOSION IN A FLAT.

TWO ROOMS WRECKED.

A gas explosion, which partially wrecked two rooms of a flat and blew four or five hundredweights of coping from the roof into the street below, occurred early yesterday at Addison Park Mansions, Shepherd's Bush, London. One of the occupants of the flat, Mr. Kenneth Mackay, was taken to the West London Hospital with burns on the head and face.

Late on Wednesday night, Miss Whitaker, an elderly woman, who is partially bedridden, smelt gas, and at her request Mr. Mackay, her nephew and his sister, Miss Mackay, tried to find an escape. They failed to find anything wrong, but turned all the gas taps off.

At about 8.8 a.m. yesterday Miss Mackay went into the diningroom, and finding the smell of gas very strong called her brother. Mr. Mackay then went into the room and struck a match. Instantly the place burst into flames, the curtains caught fire, large portions of the ceiling were blown down, the door of the room was blown across the hall, and pictures were blown off the wall. The window was blown out, and a large coping on the roof immediately overhead fell into the street where it smashed the area railings, and then broke in pieces on the ground.

Mr. Mackay was burned after being thrown against a wall. He is suffering also from shock. Neither Miss Whitaker nor Miss Mackay was hurt.

The Crew of the Steam Trawler which Foundered in the Gale off the Wicklow Coast.

WORLD'S LARGEST MOTOR SHIP.

A NEW DOMINION LINER.

A large number of guests of the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand yesterday had the opportunity of inspecting at Southampton the Aorangi, the largest motor vessel afloat. The Aorangi leaves Southampton to-day for Sydney and New Zealand, via Jamaica, Panama and Vancouver. Thereafter she will take her place in the Canadian-Australian service of the Union Company. The new vessel is the successor in name of a former Aorangi of that company, which rendered an Empire service even at the end of her career by being sunk at Scapa, and thus assisting to block one end of the Flow.

The new Aorangi, which has been built by the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Glasgow, has a displacement tonnage of 23,000 tons, which puts her at the head of merchant ships trading through the Southern Pacific. Her chief dimensions are:—Length, 600 feet, and breadth, 72 feet. With graceful lines and a well-modelled cruiser stern, she will be one of the most handsome ships afloat. On four decks she will accommodate 440 first class, 300 second class and 200 third class passengers.

At the luncheon on board reference was made by Mr. Charles Holdsworth, Chairman of the Directors of the Union Company, to the fact that in this enterprise the company were carrying on their tradition of being pioneers in each successive stage of shipping development.

Mr. Salumper, of the Southern Railway Company, said that this ship, which seemed to leave nothing to be desired, was, he thought, the finest he had ever seen. He congratulated all concerned on its production.

Sir James Allen, High Commissioner for New Zealand, spoke of the enterprise and foresight of the company, which had enabled it to become one of the most up-to-date of shipping enterprises in the world.

Captain Crawford, Commander of the Aorangi, said that this was the latest of, at least, a score of the company's vessels that he had had charge of, and his brief experience indicated that it was easily the best; passengers' cabins, deck spaces and promenades, its cleanliness owing to oil fuel, and the entire absence of vibration rendered it unique. The brief, but breezy, trip from Glasgow during which previous two days was sufficient to prove that she was a good seaship.

CLIMBING BURGLARS.

ANOTHER LONDON HOUSE RANSACKED.

Jewellery and money to the value of £600 were stolen last Wednesday evening by "cat burglars" from Mr. John Wallace's house, St. Oswalds, Stormont road, Highgate. Mr. Wallace, who is an M.P. and his family were absent when the robbery took place. Entrance was first made by breaking the diningroom window, but the intruders, unable to force the locks of the diningroom door, withdrew to the garden at the back of the house and climbed a wall to a window on the first floor. Mr. Wallace's dressing-room was ransacked, a chest of drawers and a wardrobe being broken open. A jewel case was rifled and emptied of its contents. Every room in the house was explored by the thieves who turned out drawers and scattered articles of clothing on the floor.

THE MODERN YOUTH.

"MOST CONCEITED THING PRODUCED."

Several interesting addresses were given at the Student Christian Movement Conference at Manchester yesterday.

Mr. W. Martin, of the International Labour Bureau, Geneva, said that unskilled labour was growingly able to demand a reward equal, or nearly equal, to that of the skilled worker and the intellectual. There must be an end to this process.

Mr. J. H. Oldham, discussing the problem of race, pointed out that civilisation meant humanity and justice, not motor cars and "movies."

The Rev. Garfield H. Williams said that he sometimes felt that the modern youth was really the most conceited thing ever produced. There was a positively ridiculous attitude taken by the modern student towards books published before 1904 or 1905.

FOOD PRICES IN 1925.

A GENERAL REDUCTION POSSIBLE.

A trade forecast for 1925 issued by Mr. Felix J. Blackmore, Past President of the National Chamber of Trade and Vice-President of the Wolverhampton Chamber of Commerce, states that there will be a general reduction in the price of food commodities—teas excepted—early in the current year. "The food-producing countries have at last achieved something approaching normality of conditions, and the increased production of food in nearly all countries will tend to counteract any attempts that may be made artificially to inflate prices."

He goes on to say that butter and cheese prices will be greatly influenced by the large production in Australia and New Zealand, and that large shipments of these commodities early in the year will have the effect of reducing prices. The increased wheat crop in Australia, India and the Argentina, together with the possibility that Japan may not be such a big customer for the former as she was last year, will have a strong tendency to reduce wheat prices in March or April, and "seasonal reductions" in milk and eggs will become effective about the same time. Sugar, in view of the "wonderful increase in production"—about 2,565,312 tons, a figure never equalled in pre-war days—may be reduced by a further halfpenny per pound by March next.

Owing to the increased consumption of tea in America—the result of "prohibition"—and of Russia, and the Governor of Northern Ireland" for the words "The Lord Lieutenant."

The insertion is authorised during the session of the Parliament of the Irish Free State, of the words "(and) the Parliament of the Irish Free State," and (when appropriate) "And the Parliament of Northern Ireland," in the prayer for the High Court of Parliament, in the suffrage in the Litany relating to the Queen, and in the prayer for the King and Commonwealth, these words being added to, or substituted for, the words "the High Court of Parliament."

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Archbishop proposes to hold confirmations on the following dates:—

March 16th—Christ Church Cathedral, 11.30 a.m.
March 18th—Christ Church, Leeson Park, 3.30 p.m.
March 16th—Rathmines Church, 3.30 p.m.
March 20th—St. Paul's Church, Dublin, 3 p.m.
March 23rd—Monkstown Church, 3.30 p.m.
March 25th—St. George's Church, Dublin, 11.30 a.m.
March 27th—St. Ann's Church, Dublin, 3.30 p.m.
March 30th—Zion Church, Rathgar, 3 p.m.
April 1st—The Mariners' Church, Kingstown, 3.30 p.m.
April 3rd—St. Mary's Church, Donnybrook, 11.30 a.m.
April 6th—North Strand Church, Dublin, 3.30 p.m.
April 8th—St. Paul's Church, Bray, 11.30 a.m.
April 8th—Delgany, 3.30 p.m.
April 11th—St. Columba's College Chapel, 12 noon.
April 14th—Malahide, 11.30 a.m.
May 1st—Naas, 11.30 a.m.
May 4th—Celbridge, 3.30 p.m.
May 6th—Blessington, 11.30 a.m.
May 13th—St. Bride's Church, Leixlip, 3.30 p.m.
May 22nd—St. Patrick's Cathedral, 3.30 p.m.
May 26th—Edenderry, 3.15 p.m.
May 27th—Geashill, 11.30 a.m.
May 27th—Portarlington, 3.15 p.m.
June 4th—Athy, 11.30 a.m.
June 4th—Narraghmore, 3.15 p.m.
August 12th—Wicklow, 3 p.m.
August 19th—Arklow, 11.30 a.m.

"OIL LAND IN TEXAS."

STRANGE FALSE PRETENCE CHARGE IN LONDON.

Albert Charles Clark (54), clerk, was charged on remand at the Mansion House, London, yesterday, with having in his possession in Cannon street twenty registered letters, three telegrams, and 186 ordinary letters received through the post, of which thirteen registered and twenty-two ordinary letters contained cheques, British money orders, telegraphic money orders, Treasury Notes, and postal orders of the total value of £683, suppested to have been unlawfully obtained. A further charge was now preferred of conspiring with other persons unknown to obtain the securities and money by false pretences.

Detective Inspector Burgess said that after Clark had been arrested on the first charge in which he said: "I took an office at 3 Cannon street, E.C.4, for the purpose of receiving letters addressed to James Mathieson, for and on behalf of the Oil Lease Investment Company. I have not opened any of the letters received, but have handed same over to the owner. To the best of my belief circulars were sent out offering to sell plots of land situated in Jim Wells Company, Texas, for which £1 per plot was asked as expenses. These circulars were posted to holders of plots in Jim Wells, and, to the best of my belief, the money was to be returned if no sale took place. I acted solely for the Oil Lease Investment Company, to whom all letters were given."

Mr. Dalbuquerque, for the defence, asked for bail.

Detective Inspector Burgess said that in this case further charges, he was sure, would be arising in the Metropolitan Police district, in references to letters and large sums of money obtained.

Mr. Travers Humphreys, representing the Oil Lease Investment Company, Limited, of 21a Southampton Buildings, said that the company's name had been used by some person—he did not say by Clark—on a circular-letter asking for money, and the name of Mathieson appeared on it as the auditor and accountant of the Company. That circular, from beginning to end, was a forgery. This existing and established Company had nothing whatever to do with the matter, and had not received any of the money which came in in answer to the circulars.

The Lord Mayor remanded Clark and refused bail.

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DUBLIN DIOCESE.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE YEAR.

The Archbishop of Dublin (the Most Rev. Dr. Gregg) has issued to the clergy of the United Dioceses of Dublin, Glendalough and Kildare a letter containing the arrangements which he proposes in connection with the work of the diocese for the year 1925.

February 8th (Septuagesima Sunday) is proposed as a suitable date for the annual collection in aid of the Poor Parishes Fund, and other diocesan needs. The Archbishop states that the Poor Parishes Fund is one which urgently demands help, and he is anxious that, so far as may be, those who have hitherto supported the Central Emergency Fund should transfer their contributions to the Poor Parishes Fund. This fund, which can be used for either sustentation or augumentation, provides practically the only free money at the disposal of the Diocesan Council. It helps to maintain the ministrations of the Church in districts too poor to provide a stipend unaided. The strengthening of this fund by increased annual contributions will greatly extend the power of the Diocesan Council to stimulate self-help in the poorer parishes.

Dealing with the temperance question, the Archbishop expressed the hope that the clergy will preach on, or in connection with, temperance on March 1st (1st Sunday in Lent). He points out that proceedings in the Dail and Senate in connection with the Government's proposals in 1924 for the regulation of the sale of intoxicating liquor "have made it plain that the temperance movement in Ireland is now a force to be reckoned with; and in view of the probable holding of a Commission of Inquiry it would be desirable to instruct and interest our congregations in the main points involved."

"If the collection on March 1st, or some portion of it, can be devoted to the Church of Ireland Temperance Society, support will be given to a valuable agency concerned with the moral and spiritual well-being of the nation."

EDUCATION.

It is pointed out that the Diocese does not support the work of the Board of Education with that amount of conviction or enthusiasm which this branch of the Church's work deserves. March 29th is fixed as Education Sunday, and an appeal is made to the clergy to put the maintenance and efficiency of this department of the Church's activities in the front rank.

"The Church's entire future," states the Archbishop, "is bound up with religious education, for its hold upon the rising generation will be strong or weak, according as religion has, or has not, been made real and living to boys and girls from early years."

The changes in the State Prayers rendered necessary by recent legislation have not yet been finally determined by the General Synod. Meanwhile Dr. Gregg authorises the discontinuance, until further notice, of the use of "A prayer for the Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland," and the substitution of the words "The Governor-General of the Irish Free State, and the Governor of North-

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

BELFAST MINISTERS TO BROADCAST.

Through the agency of the Ulster Association it has been arranged that a series of "talks" shall be broadcast by the British Broadcasting Company's Belfast station at 6.40 p.m. on Wednesdays. The "talks" will deal with Northern affairs—political, historical, social and economic, in a popular and authoritative manner. The speakers engaged include the Rt. Hon. H. M. Pollock, Northern Ireland Minister of Finance; the Rt. Hon. J. M. Andrews, Minister of Labour; the Marquis of Londonderry, Minister of Education; the Rt. Hon. E. M. Archdale, Minister of Agriculture and Commerce; Mr. T. C. Tobin, Chief of the Designing department of Messrs. Harland and Wolff, and Dr. J. Vargus Eyre, of the Linen Research Institute.

TRAINER'S ACTION.

DECISION OF PARIS COURT OF APPEAL.

An important decision concerning repression of the "doping" of racehorses has been reached by the Paris Court of Appeal. William Flatman, one of the best-known English trainers in France, had his licence withdrawn in 1922 on the report of the analyst, who examined a horse in his charge.

Flatman strenuously denied knowledge of the alleged doping of the horse, and claimed that as he was not allowed to have an analysis made of the horse's saliva, and was not called upon by the Stewards to justify himself, he was entitled to have his licence returned to him.

He sued the Turf authorities for the return of his licence and for 600,000 francs damages for the loss suffered by deprivation of his right to train. The first court before which the case was heard partially admitted his claim, but the Appeal Court has reversed the decision and ordered Flatman to pay the costs of his action.

FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA.

BIG IRRIGATION SCHEME.

KIMBERLEY, Thursday.

The Minister of Justice, Mr. Tielman Roos, who is at present in charge of irrigation, and is investigating the huge Kenhardt-boog irrigation scheme on the Vaal River, costing three million pounds, made a speech at Barkly West to-day, in which he said that if the land were as good as the samples he had seen, it would certainly repay the country if the scheme were carried out. It was by such projects as these that they might save the white population of South Africa, and the present Government was doing all it could to develop South Africa.—(Reuter.)

RECENT WILLS.

Mr. Henry Herbert Hallins, of 59 Newlands road, Sydenham, Kent, formerly of Exeter and Dublin, civil engineer, who died on October 16 last, aged 65 years, left estate of the gross value of £16,449, of which £16,366 is net personalty.

BEQUESTS TO EMPLOYES.

Mr. Jacques (or Jacob) Seligmann, of 23 and 23 bis Rue de Constantine, Paris, art dealer, of London, Paris and New York, who died on October 31, 1923, left personal estate in England of the net value of £9,586. The testator left 15,000 francs each to his clerk, Raymond Fischer, and his chauffeur, Jean Trichet, if respectively still in his service; 10,000 francs each similarly to his clerks, Hugo Bose, Paul Lambard, Mrs. Arthur Peck, and his door-keeper, Leon Robeau; 5,000 francs to Claire Pijeau, if still in his service; 3,000 francs for division between his commercial clerks not otherwise mentioned in his will; a life annuity of 2,400 francs to Katachen Kramer, servant to his late brother-in-law, Louis Grunebaum.

CHARGE OF WIFE DESERTION.

At Derry Petty Sessions yesterday, before Mr. R. W. Glass, R.M., the Derry Poor Law Guardians charged William Canning, an ex-soldier, with deserting his wife, so that she became chargeable to the rates.

Canning stated in evidence that his wife had deserted him. He had had a very bad time with her; in fact he thought it would have been better if he had been shot in the war. He was willing to pay 5s. 1d. a week to the Guardians if it would keep her separate from him and free from the law.

Mr. Glass, after hearing the woman's evidence, said that she was "a hopeless being" and an encumbrance to the world." He adjourned the case for two months to see whether the defendant would pay the 5s. 1d. regularly.

"TEAM WORK" IN RELIGION.

An effort to realise Church unity will be made next week at the Bloomsbury Central Church, when the Rev. G. A. Studdert-Kennedy, one of the most vigorous preachers in the pulpit of the Church of England, and Dr. T. R. Glover, the well-known Nonconformist minister, are to address evening services on "The chaos we are in, the way out, and the goal beyond."

The Rev. Thomas Phillips, superintendent of the Bloomsbury Church, is responsible for this effort to reach the outsider. He holds that the churches of Central London have yet to learn the "play football" lesson. "Every church kicks its own ball, is its own way, utterly regardless of others. We have not learnt to play as a team."

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BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY.

The letters "S.B." in these programmes signify a Simultaneous Broadcast from the station mentioned.

LONDON (2LO)—365 Metres.

1.0-2.0—Time from Greenwich. Concert; The "2LO" Trio and Dorothy Gadsden (soprano). 4.0-5.0—Time from Greenwich. Concert: The "2LO" Trio and Jessie Grimson (pianist). Organ music. 5.30-6.15—Children. 6.40-6.55—Mr. Charles Brown, "Chinese River Traders in Borneo." 7.0—Time from Big Ben. Weather and News. S.B. to all Stations. G. A. Atkinson, "Seen on the Screen." S.B. to all Stations. 7.30—The "——Premier" English Concertina Band: Ronald Gourley (entertainer at the piano); Jack Richards and Violet Stevens ("The Scandalmongers"), and Sydney Coltham (tenor). 9.30—Time from Greenwich. Weather and News. S.B. to all Stations. Sir Alexander Houston, "Water Supplies." S.B. to all Stations. 10.0—The Band of H.M. Life Guards. 10.30—Close.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—475 Metres.

5.30-6.30—Orchestra. 5.0-5.30—Women. 6.30-6.45—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. G. A. Atkinson. S.B. from London. 7.30—Dale's Dance Orchestra. Florence Cleeton (soprano); Jack Hilbert (character sketches). 9.30—Weather and News. Sir Alexander Houston. S.B. from London. 10.0—Dance Orchestra. 10.30—Close.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—385 Metres.

3.45-5.0—Women. 5.0-6.30—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. G. A. Atkinson. S.B. from London. 7.30—Marcia Bourn and Lena Coppling (entertainers); Walter Todd (humorist and raconteur). The Wireless Orchestra. The Bath Hotel Dance Orchestra. 9.30—Weather and News. Sir Alexander Houston. S.B. from London. 10.0—Marcia Bourn and Lena Coppling. 10.5—Bernard Albert. 10.15—Dance Orchestra. 10.30—Close.

CARDIFF (5WA)—351 Metres.

2.30-4.0—Station Trio. 4.0-4.45—Orchestra. 4.45-5.15—"5WA's" "Five O'Clocks"; the Station Orchestra. 5.15-5.0—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. G. A. Atkinson. S.B. from London. 7.30—Sir Hubert Bath (baritone). Nellie Bennis (soprano). Haydn Davies (baritone). The Barry Glee Singers. The Station Orchestra. 9.30—Weather and News. Sir Alexander Houston. S.B. from London. 10.0—Joan Hastings (songs at the piano).

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—375 Metres.

12.30-1.30—Organ. 3.30-4.30—Concert by the "2ZY" Quartet. 4.30-5.0—Women. Vera Waro (mezzo-soprano). 5.0-5.0—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. G. A. Atkinson. S.B. from London. 7.30—Arthur Ackerman and Jenny Wynne (duettists); Robert Pitt and Langton Marks (entertainers); Joseph Lingard (flute); Pat Ryan (clarinet); Miss Kilty (violin). 9.30—Weather and News. Sir Alexander Houston. S.B. from London. Station Director's Talk. 10.10—Clarinet Solo. 10.30—Close.

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—400 Metres.

2.45-3.15—Nora Young (contralto); Doris Lear (solo violin); Alex Soulsby (solo pianoforte). Jessie Strong on "Sir Walter Scott." 5.15-6.30—Children. 6.35-6.55—Farmers' Corner—Weather and News. G. Atkinson. S.B. from London. 7.30—Gladys Willis (solo pianoforte); the Wallsend Male Voice Choir; the Station Orchestra. 9.30—Weather and News. Sir Alexander Houston. S.B. from London. 10.0—Orchestra. 10.30—Close.

GLASGOW (5SC)—420 Metres.

2.30-4.50—The Wireless Quartet; Frank Bonham (baritone). 5.15-6.0—Children. 6.0-6.3—Weather for Farmers. 6.40-6.55—Joseph Tinsley on "Bee-Keeping." 7.0—Weather and News. G. A. Atkinson. S.B. from London. 7.30—Station Orchestra. Charles Wexford (entertainer); Tina Macintyre (soprano). 9.30—Weather and News. Sir Alexander Houston. S.B. from London. 10.0—Tina Macintyre. 10.10—Orchestra. 10.30—Close.

LIVERPOOL (6LV)—315 Metres.

5.15-6.45—Educational Transmission. 4.0-5.0—The "State Brighter Liverpool Band." 5.30-6.30—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. G. A. Atkinson. S.B. from London. 7.30—"The Sunbeams Concert Party"—Dora Hulme (soubrette); Tom Rushton (baritone); Emmie Ward (soprano); Jack Riley (entertainer); Hal Hulme (light comedian); Ray Newhouse (solo pianoforte); Earle Holt (comedian); Madame Lizzette (mandolinist); Stephen Wearing (solo pianoforte). 9.30—Weather and News. Sir Alexander Houston. S.B. from London. 10.0—Stephen Wearing. 10.30—Close.

BELFAST (2BE)—435 Metres.

2.30-3.30—The "2BE" Quartet. 5.30-6.15—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. S.B. from London. G. A. Atkinson. S.B. from London. 7.30—The Station Orchestra; Kathleen Dunn (mezzo-soprano). W. J. Harris (solo clarinet). The Belfast Radio Players. "Overture to an Irish Comedy" (Ansell); Trio for Piano, Violin and Violoncello (Cliffe); Prelude ("The Land of Heart's Desire") (Rutland Boughton); Gavotte—"Réverie" (Saint-Saëns); "Dream in the Twilight" (Strauss); "Love, I have won you" (Landon Ronald) (5). The Radio Players on "The Land of Heart's Desire" (W. B. Yeats). Incidental music specially composed by Dr. E. Norman Hay. Maureen Brulin, E. E. Magecan; Bridget Bruin, Jeannie Erskine; Shaun Bruin, George Buchanan; Mary Bruin, Mrs. Leslie Porter; Father Hart, Charles K. Avre; a Faery Child, Norah Campbell. Producer—Tyrone Power. Orchestra: Suite, Irish Folk Scenes (Geoffrey Molyneux); Clarinet Solo, Sonata in E flat (Saint-Saëns). Orchestra: Two Irish Dances (Pimcana); Irish Melodies (Harty). 9.30—Weather Forecast and News. S.B. from London. Sir Alexander Houston. S.B. from London. Local News. 10.0—Orchestra: One-Step, "Irish Medley" (Somers) (9); "The Blarney Stone" (Engleman); two Irish Love Songs (O'Donnell); Selection, Irish Reels and Jigs (traditional). 10.30—Close.

CANADA'S PRAIRIE PROVINCES.

EXPANSION OF AGRICULTURE.

WINNIPEG (By Mail).

Expansion of agriculture since 1920 has added no fewer than 7,623,490 acres of land to the area under field crops in Canada's prairie provinces, says the Federal Department of Agriculture. It is an increase of 211 per cent. over the amount of land under cultivation in the areas named in 1900.

Between 1921 and 1924 population in the prairie provinces has gained 47.3 per cent., railway mileage 107 per cent., hydro-electric installation 906 per cent., manufactures 57 per cent., and cattle, sheep and swine 119 per cent. Egg production has almost doubled since 1920, and the output of factory butter has increased 80 per cent.

On the farm acreage added since 1920, the report estimates, the prairie provinces could feed all the people of Canada with wheat, potatoes, and all other vegetables. They could also supply the total wheat demand of London, New York, Paris and Berlin, and grow all the rye, flax-seed and buckwheat Canada now produces.

While Canada leads other nations of the world in the increase of its crop areas, the 37,906,694 acres under crop last year amounted to only one-fifth of the 167,000,000 acres of cultivable land in the prairie provinces. Western Canada, the bulletin estimates, could support a farm population of 25,000,000.

For being drunk while in charge of a taxi-cab, William Claplin, of Fulham, was sentenced to a month's hard labour.

GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE

VICTORY 'CHASE.

DUDLEY WINS IN HOLLOW FASHION.

JARGOON'S FINE FINISH.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

MANCHESTER, Thursday Night.

The automatic favourite for the Victory Steeplechase, Dudley, has won it, the judge placing him two lengths and five from Mr. D. Sullivan's Ganzey and Hymir respectively. This, however, gives no adequate idea of how he won, which was just by as much as Mr. Harry Brown, who trains and rode him, pleased. He lay about fourth or fifth on him, and three fences from home Dudley was so full of running that he was pulling his rider out of the saddle. It was only after jumping the last fence that Mr. Brown allowed him his head, and then he strode away from Ganzey, to beat him pointless.

All the placed horses were Irish bred, and full credit must be given to Ganzey for having run a really fine race under a heavy weight. Many people were saying that, had he not had his weight increased by his victory at Nottingham he would have won here, but this is doubtful, for Dudley, who has improved so much that he is now one of the very best of our two-mile steeplechasers, had so much in hand that it is hard to believe that he could have been beaten.

After the race Ganzey was sold to Mr. Joseph Holmes, of Llanelly, for 1,250 guineas, and goes into David Harrison's Tenby stable. Hymir was always a little outpaced and lost some ground when he was baulked by Fariray, who fell at the first open ditch. Ballinvalley set a cracking pace and led until they were approaching the last fence, when Ganzey, who had always been second, headed him. Ballinvalley then came down, but I think he was a beaten horse when he blundered.

DUDLEY'S EASY SCORE.

Mr. Murland brought Soothing Glass to run against his ex-stable companion Dudley, but last year's winner ran rather below his form, for he was never prominent at any stage of the race, nor was Bright's Boy, who kept Soothing Glass company throughout. Donegal showed up well for upwards of a mile and a half. Barry Ogue attracted a good deal of attention, but he strikes one seeing him for the first time as a horse who is as yet only half-furnished. He was always occupying an inconspicuous position in the race and fell two fences from home.

It was a most hollow victory for Dudley, and the handicap unmistakably pointed to his success. It was only the unpleasant knack that these paper certainties have of being beaten that deterred everyone from going solidly for him.

Some of the other racing was rather below the standard that is usually set by Manchester, and though rain kept off it was dull and the visibility was bad. When it was seen that Coulthwaite was running Clinch instead of Corlach in the Club Four-Year-Old Hurdle Stanley Wootton's novice was made an immediate favourite. Frank Wootton, who rode his brother's horse, challenged on him between the last two hurdles, but he did not jump the last obstacle any too cleanly, and on the flat he failed to reach Socrates, who beat him by two lengths.

Coulthwaite was afraid of Socrates, who was greatly fancied by Stanley Harrison. Jack Goswell, who rode Socrates, allowed Phantom Harry to lead him until they were two hurdles from home, when he shot him to the front, and, never being headed again, he won with something in hand. High Court, who was ridden out for a place, finished third.

A FINE FINISH.

One of the best finishes of the afternoon was that for the January Steeplechase. It was the last race of the day, and the light had then grown very bad. For the last two fences Jargoon and Merry Miner were alternately heading each other. Both jockeys were pressing their mounts with the greatest vigour, but Merry Miner did not stay so well as the other, and Jargoon beat him by a couple of lengths.

Newmarket supplied the winner of the Chorlton Hurdle in Aisle, a horse trained by Tom Leader, who had been hunted for a couple of seasons, and had not shown much form previously. He is, however, a very clever jumper, and beating them all at the last hurdle he went on to win easily by six lengths from Vonna. Belgian Boy was a strong favourite, but after looking dangerous two hurdles from home he failed to stay on, and was beaten out of a place.

Gerald Junior had an easy task apparently in the New Year Steeplechase, and odds had to be laid on him. He made all the running to beat The Mighty Atom comfortably by two lengths, Grevisk being a bad third.

TO-MORROW'S SELECTIONS.

The Victory Hurdle to-morrow afternoon will not be relatively as interesting as the Victory Steeplechase. Civic Guard runs, and he is the best class horse in the race. He would be a very likely winner could he be depended on to do his best. Argo and Perahara are likely possibles. Prince Sadim is a greatly improved horse, but he is full high in the handicap, and though his connections fancy his chance each way it is likely to fall to one of the Irish-trained candidates, either HOLY FOOKS or LIMBER DANCER, and a vote must be divided between the pair. The race will not, I think, require a great deal of winning. OLD TIMES, who showed by his recent victory that he is a smart 'chaser, seems to have an easy task in the Canal Steeplechase. There are also two Irish-trained candidates, Maurice Gillois and No Worry, in the Stand Handicap Hurdle, but neither may beat GYROSCOPE should he be reserved for this event.

GALTEE MORE.

BETTING FORECAST.

MANCHESTER.

1.0 Race—9 to 4 agst. Mrs. Fall, 7 to 2 Desert Chief, 5 to 1 Royal Orb, 6 to 1 Orpi, 8 to 1 each Sun Charmer and Kelvin, 10 to 1 each Snow Crest and Bedpost, 100 to 8 any other.

1.30 Race—11 to 4 agst. Wise Folly, 4 to 1 Lionceau, 5 to 1 St. Clears, 7 to 1 Glenfarg, 8 to 1 Quilp, 10 to 1 each Page and Crozet, 100 to 8 any other.

2.0 Race—3 to 1 agst. Limber Dancer, 4 to 1 Hong Kong, 11 to 2 Argo, 6 to 1 Low Tide, 7 to 1 Prince Sadim, 10 to 1 each Holy Fooks and Phantom Charley, 100 to 8 Civic Guard, 100 to 6 any other.

2.30 Race—7 to 4 agst. St. George II., 3 to 1 Picture Hall, 5 to 1 Mount Rivers, 7 to 1 each Jack Horner and Grevisk, 10 to 1 Tipperary Tim, 100 to 6 any other.

3.0 Race—5 to 2 Lemstar, 7 to 2 Despote, 5 to 1 each Merrily and Maurice Gillois, 8 to 1 Trusty, 10 to 1 any other.

3.30 Race—2 to 1 on Old Times, 5 to 1 agst. each Ardaile and Shaun Or, 10 to 1 Kilbrain, 100 to 6 any other.

"FORM" HORSES.

MANCHESTER.

1.0—Mrs. Fall.
1.30—Wise Folly.
2.0—Hong Kong.
2.30—St. George II.
3.0—Lemstar.
3.30—Old Times.
DOUBLE—*Mrs. Fall and St. George II.

A Student of Form.

BALDOYLE.

RACING IN A GALE.

INTERESTING SPORT.

ELGAR'S SMART DISPLAY.

Seldom has racing in Ireland been carried out in such a gale of wind as that experienced by visitors to Baldoyle yesterday, and, with the outlook in the morning so uninviting, it was not surprising that the attendance should suffer. However, those who did brave the elements were amply rewarded for their hardihood in venturing forth, for the sport was well up to the fine standard associated with this venue and went far towards compensating the company for the discomfort incidental to the inimical overhead conditions. Despite the recent heavy rains the course yielded capital galloping, and big fields were the order of the day, whilst backers fared by no means badly.

Explanation had won in such facile fashion at Leopardstown that, his 10lb. penalty notwithstanding, he was confidently expected to supplement his laurels in the New Year Plate, and in a field of fourteen he was backed down to 6 to 4. He, however, did not appear to gallop any too generously in the early stages, and, though making up leeway very fast in the last half-mile, could never get on fighting terms with the leaders, of whom Fethernadale always had the foot of the favourite's stable companion, Kanowna, and scored with consummate ease. He is trained at Rossmore Lodge by John Doyle, who thus had the satisfaction of turning out the first winner of the year, and his son, Joseph, had the ride.

Reported to have acquitted himself right well in the home gallop, Over Land, who was making his *début* in public over hurdles, was staunchly befriended for the Killester Plate, as were Vesington King and the Leopardstown disappointment, Abdulla. The story of the race does not take much telling, for Vesington King and Clonlara fairly dominated the position for the last half-mile, and the former, shaking off Mr. Singleton's gelding in the run home, won in style suggestive of a successful career at his new vocation.

The Sutton Steeplechase provided a fine race and a rattling finish, Rathdrin and Golden Street battling it out stubbornly from the penultimate fence, and it was only in the last few strides that Rathdrin, who was in receipt of 21lb. from Mrs. Croft's representative, got his head in front. How Nice, Louvima and Emboss were prominent for a long way, but the last half-mile proved too much for them.

In a field of twelve for the Lambay Plate, a two miles flat race, Kitty Lightfoot left off in slightly better request than Alroi and Newtown Park, both of whom were beaten some distance out, and in an exciting set-to, in which both swerved and cannoned into each other more than once, Kitty Lightfoot prevailed over the outsider, Irish Gold, with Lady Boveen, who did not have too clear a course in the run home, close up third. The winner survived an objection on the ground of bumping. That very promising young 'chaser, Elgar, put up a stylish and convincing performance in the Portmarnock Plate, in which, once he had taken the measure of Chatillon, all was plain sailing for him. Details:—

1.15—THE NEW YEAR PLATE of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. A handicap hurdle race. 1¾ m.

Mr. B. Trainor's ch. h. FETHERNADALE, by Sunningdale—Fetherna Bog, 6, 9-7 ... Joseph Doyle 1
Lord Lascelles' KANOWNA, a, 11-11 ... D. Ward 2
Mr. P. Rogers' EXPLANATION, a, 11-1 ... Joseph Canty 3
Mr. J. Walshe's Quarry Boy, 5, 11-12 J. Moylan 0
Col. MacCabe's Most Noble, 6, 11-10 ... J. Case 0
Mr. J. P. Taaffe's Garrymore, a, 11-6 J. Banahan 0
Mr. P. Lenehan's Little Nell, 6, 11-1 ... K. Lenehan 0
Mr. H. I. Usher's Pallasgreen, 6, 10-13 ... P. Powell 0
Mr. G. Revelle's Dinia, a, 10-10 ... J. Hogan, jun. 0
Mr. W. Coffey's No Joke, 5, 10-3 ... J. M'Neill 0
Mr. T. J. Mangan's Pullman, a, 10-2 J. Devanny 0
Mr. P. Kennedy's Provincial Boy, 5, 10-0 ... J. Costello 0
Mr. P. Glynn's Cappylass, a, 9-12 ... M. Doherty 0
Mr. J. Flood's Glenmore, 6, 9-7 ... J. M'Carthy 0
(Winner trained by J. Doyle.)

Betting—6 to 4 agst. Explanation, 5 to 1 each FETHERNADALE and Kanowna, 6 to 1 Quarry Boy, 10 to 1 Dinia, 20 to 1 any other.

Provincial Boy cut out the work from Fethernadale, Dinia, Glenmore and Pallasgreen, for a couple of furlongs, but on settling down, Dinia showed in front of Fethernadale, Kanowna, Provincial Boy, Glenmore, No Joke, Pallasgreen, Quarry Boy, and Explanation. Half a mile from home Fethernadale drew to the front, followed by Kanowna, and won easily by four lengths; six lengths separated second and third. Pallasgreen was fourth, Cappylass fifth, Pullman sixth, Dinia seventh, Quarry Boy eighth, and Most Noble ninth. Time—3 mins. 5 secs.

1.45—THE KILLESTER PLATE of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. A hurdle race. Weight for age, etc. 1½ m.

Mr. H. Hartigan's b. c. VESINGTON KING, by Roi Herode—Wetonah, 4, 10-7 Joseph Canty 1
Mr. Singleton's CLONLARA, 5, 11-3 P. Higgins 2
Mr. J. Byrne's OVER LAND, 6, 11-7 J. Lenehan 3
Mrs. Bartholomew's Doiran, 6, 11-7 ... J. Meaney 0
Mr. R. Cargill's Taille, 6, 11-7 ... Major Scott 0
Mr. C. Fagan's Miss Miranda, a, 11-7 J. H. Harty 0
Mr. E. J. Hope's Alaska, a, 11-7 ... M. Gleeson 0
Mr. J. M'Auley's Duleek, a, 11-7 Mr. P. Lenehan 0
Mr. W. Wallis's Tommy Lad, a, 11-7 Fitzgibbon 0
Mr. L. King's Easter Hero, 5, 11-3 ... G. Duffy 0
Mr. O'M. Leahy's George Stevens, 5, 11-3 ... D. Hannigan 0
Mr. R. C. Ross's Sable Lady, 5, 11-3 ... J. Moylan 0
Mr. D. J. Cogan's Lutoi, 4, 10-7 ... J. Cahalin 0
Mr. R. Duggan's Abdulla, 4, 10-7 J. Hogan, jun. 0
Major Gerrard's Dizira, 4, 10-7 ... T. Kelly, jun. 0
Capt. Musker's Radio Girl, 4, 10-7 ... C. Mallin 0
(Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—7 to 4 agst. Over Land, 2 to 1 VESINGTON KING, 7 to 2 Abdulla, 20 to 1 any other.

Vesington King went on from Clonlara, Over Land, Alaska, Abdulla, Tommy Lad and Sable Lady, with Duleek at the head of the others, and making practically all the running, Vesington King won by five lengths; six lengths separated second and third. Taille was fourth, Abdulla fifth, Alaska sixth, Easter Hero seventh, and Tommy Lad next. Time—3 mins. 9 4-5 secs.

2.15—THE SUTTON PLATE of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs and the third 5 sovs. A handicap steeplechase. 3 m.

Mr. M. Bailesty's b. g. RATHDRIN, by Drinmore—Avarine, a, 9-7 ... J. Meaney 1
Mrs. Croft's GOLDEN STREET, a, 11-0 ... J. Hogan, jun. 2
Mr. R. G. Cleary's HOW NICE, a, 9-12 ... J. Mullen 3
Mr. T. O'Gorman's Mask On, a, 11-6 P. O'Hara 0
Sir T. Stafford's Emboss, a, 10-10 ... T. Kelly, jun. 0
Mr. J. Kiernan's Royal Dennis, 6, 10-9 M'Carthy 0
Mr. P. J. Brophy's Too Richy, 5, 10-7 C. Mallin 0
Mr. J. O. Bentley's Louvima, a, 10-0 ... P. Lynch 0
Mr. J. Fox's Mont Blanc, a, 9-10 ... J. Moloney 0
Mrs. L. Garahan's Doon Rossa, a, 9-10 ... J. Lynn 0
Mr. Bartholomew's Malahide, a, 9-7 ... M. Connors 0
(Winner trained by J. Bannon.)

Betting—3 to 1 each agst. Golden Street and Mask On, 6 to 1 Royal Dennis, 7 to 1 RATHDRIN, 10 to 1 any other.

Malahide made play from Emboss, How Nice, Louvima, Rathdrin, Golden Street, Mask On, Royal Dennis and Too Richy, for half way, when Malahide lost his place, and How Nice came on from Emboss, Louvima, Rathdrin and Golden Street. Half a mile from home Rathdrin assumed command, and though headed by Golden Street in the straight, came again, and won a fine race by a neck; fifteen lengths between second and third. Louvima was fourth, Royal Dennis fifth, Mask On sixth, Too Richy seventh, and Emboss next. Malahide and Doon Rossa were pulled up after two miles. Time—7 mins. 2 1-5 secs.

2.45—THE LAMBAY PLATE of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs., and the third 5 sovs. A flat race. Weight for age, etc. 2m. 1f. 14yds.

Mr. Bourke's br. m. KITTY LIGHTFOOT, by Martin Lightfoot—Hawthorn Park, a, 11-9 ... Mr. J. W. Cleary 1
Mr. P. Heffernan's IRISH GOLD, 4, 10-9 ... Mr. H. S. Dennis 2
Mr. Hayes's LADY BOVEEN, 6, 11-9 J. Moylan 3
Mr. J. Alexander's Eve, a, 11-2 ... Owner 0
Mr. A. Byrne's Crowner, 6, 11-9 Mr. H. Hilliard 0
Mr. E. Byrne's Bennett's Bridge, a, 11-9 ... Mr. F. Clarke 0
Mr. E. Delany's Der Tag, a, 11-9 ... Mr. Hynes 0
Mr. W. Wallis's Newtown Park, a, 12-5 ... Mr. J. Whelan 0
Miss M. D. Barbour's Alroi, 5, 11-7 ... Mr. C. Brabazon 0
Mr. M. Quinn's Big Wonder, 5, 11-7 ... Mr. M. Quinn 0
Mr. A. N. Reynold's Adamstoi, 5, 11-7 ... Mr. P. J. Lenehan 0
Mr. C. Vandeleur's Dry Ginger, 5, 11-7 ... J. M'Neill 0
(Winner trained by R. G. Cleary.)

Betting—2 to 1 agst. KITTY LIGHTFOOT, 3 to 1 each Alroi and Newtown Park, 5 to 1 Lady Boveen, 10 to 1 Bennett's Bridge, 20 to 1 any other.

Der Tag showed the way to Alroi, Newtown Park, Crowner and Irish Gold, for a mile, when Newtown Park came on from Alroi, Der Tag, Irish Gold, Lady Boveen, and Kitty Lightfoot. Two furlongs from home Irish Gold took command, but failed to resist the challenge of Kitty Lightfoot, who won by a neck, a length and a half separated second and third. Newtown Park was fourth, Alroi fifth, Big Wonder sixth, and Adamstoi next. Time—4 mins. 34 4-5 secs.

An objection to the winner for bumping was overruled.

3.15—THE PORTMARNOCK PLATE of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. A steeplechase. Weight for age, etc. 2½ miles.

Mrs. V. M. Jackson's ch. g. ELGAR, by Argos, dam by Atlas—Bridewain, 6, 11-11 ... J. Mullen 1
Mr. B. Kennedy's CHATILLON, a, 11-1 ... J. Hogan, jun. 2
Mrs. J. Bartholomew's GUTTER SNIPE, 6, 11-11 ... M. Connors 3
Mr. J. Downes's Martenstown, a, 11-11 ... J. Meaney 0
Mr. H. Keane's Sweet Home, a, 12-3 ... Mr. W. J. Cleary 0
Mr. P. Leonard's Coolcommon, 6, 11-11 ... T. Kelly, jun. 0
Mr. H. O'Rourke's Sleebawn, 6, 11-11 ... J. Meaney 0
Mr. J. Rooney's Johnny T., a, 11-11 ... K. Lenehan 0
Mr. H. I. Usher's Eager Damsel, a, 11-11 ... P. Powell 0
(Winner trained by the Hon. H. C. Alexander.)

Betting—11 to 10 on ELGAR, 5 to 1 agst. Chatillon, 8 to 1 each Coolcommon and Sweet Home, 100 to 8 Gutter Snipe and any other.

Coolcommon made play from Elgar, Chatillon, Sweet Home, Guttersnipe, Johnny T. and Martenstown, for a mile and a quarter, when Chatillon took up the running, attended by Elgar, Coolcommon, and Sweet Home. At the second last fence Elgar assumed command, and won in a canter by fifteen lengths; twenty-five lengths separated second and third. Sweet Home was fourth, Johnny T. fifth, and Coolcommon sixth. Time—6 mins. 28 secs.

BOGSIDE RESULTS.

1.0—REDBURN SELLING HURDLE RACE of £90. 2 m.

Col. B. Fairfax's ch. g. GUY AGNEW, by Count Schomberg—Danelagh, a, 11-7 Major Wilson 1
Mrs. Wybergh's THIEF, 5, 11-3 ... S. Mullen 2
Brig.-Gen. J. Rotton's VESUVIUS, 5, 11-7 ... Mr. J. C. Storie 3

Also ran—Foxaway (A. Braithwaite), Fetish (A. Tannock). Off 1.1. (Winner trained by Wilson.)

Betting—Evens VESUVIUS, 3 to 1 agst. Thief, 5 to 1 GUY AGNEW or any other.

Won by five lengths; same.

1.30—MAIDEN FOUR-YEAR-OLD HURDLE RACE of £90. 2 m.

Mr. Renton's b. f. BEAUTIFUL MAUD, by King's Proctor—Susan, 10-12 ... Owner 1
Maj. W. Renwick's DUNSMOOR, 10-5 ... W. Hammett 2
Mrs. Wybergh's LOUGHBEG, 10-5 ... P. Mullen 3

Also ran—Music Star (Watkinson), Maltby Grange (Braithwaite). Off 1.33. (Winner trained by Renton.)

Betting—5 to 2 on BEAUTIFUL MAUD, 5 to 1 agst. Dunsmoor, 6 to 1 Loughbeg, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by two lengths; eight lengths. Maltby Grange fell.

2.0—NEW YEAR'S DAY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £150. 2 m.

Mr. G. Sanday's ch. g. HAIRPIN II., by Tredennis, dam's pedigree unknown, a, 12-7 ... F. Mason 1
Mr. T. Reed, jun.'s PERFORCE, a, 11-0 ... W. Hammett 2
Mr. H. Mollekin's PICKWELL, 6, 10-9 ... A. Braithwaite 3

Off 2.3. (Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—2 to 1 on HAIRPIN II., 9 to 2 agst. Perforce, 5 to 1 Pickwell.

Won by three-quarters of a length; a bad third.

2.30—FULLARTON HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £90. 3 m.

Mr. Macdonald's ch. g. SCOTCH EAGLE, by French Eagle, dam by Clanronald, 9, 9-12 ... J. Paxton 1
Mr. W. Forbes's HANWAY, a, 10-0 Watkinson 2

Also ran—Royal Duck (Major Wilson). Off 2.33. (Winner trained by Elsey.)

Betting—Evens Royal Duck, 6 to 4 agst. SCOTCH EAGLE, 7 to 1 Hanway.

Won by a distance. Only two finished.

3.0—RAVENSPARK HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 90 sovs. 2½ m.

Brig.-Gen. Rotton's ch. g. PIVOTAL, by Radium—Repetive, 5, 11-8 ... Mr. Storie 1
Mr. Lawrie's MANVER, 6, 10-0 ... A. Braithwaite 2
Mr. J. Scott's KING OF TROY, 8, 11-0 ... F. Croney 3

Also ran—Son o' Lee (Hammett), Hogier (Major Wilson), Bushveld (Mr. Wallace), Langside (Watkinson), The Cuban (W. Thatcher), Pablo (J. Paxton), Sweet Auburn (P. Mullen). Off 3.4 (Winner trained by J. Renwick.)

Betting—3 to 1 agst. The Cuban, 4 to 1 each Hogier and King of Troy, 5 to 1 PIVOTAL, 6 to 1 Son o' Lee, 7 to 1 Manver, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by a length and a half; five lengths.

3.30—NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE of 80 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. G. Nairn's TRUMP CARD, a, 12-0 ... W. Hammett w.o.
(Trained by Renwick.)

TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS.

There seems little likelihood of improvement in the weather here to-day, and the arrival list does not promise better fields than yesterday. Selections:—

Portland Hurdle—**Thief.**
Irvine Steeplechase—**Magadi.**
Bogside Hurdle—**Kwango.**
Ailsa Steeplechase—**Royal Toy.**
Garnock Hurdle—**Newburgh.**
Montgomerie Steeplechase—**Arravale.**

1.0—PORTLAND SELLING HURDLE RACE of £90. 2 m. Age st. lb.

THE CUBAN (Mr. Campbell) ... Thomson 9 11 9
CAMELOT (Mr. J. M'Lean) M'Guigan a 11 9
PIVOTAL (Brig.-General Rotton) Renwick 5 11 9
VESUVIUS (Brig.-General Rotton) Renwick 5 11 9
TOXAWAY (Mrs. M'Laughlin) ... Vasey 5 11 5
OLD 'ARD (Capt. J. Renwick) ... Owner 5 11 5
THIEF (Mrs. Wybergh) ... Wybergh 5 11 5
HOY (Mrs. L. M'Laughlin) ... Vasey 4 10 9
(The above have arrived.)
DERRETT (Mr. G. Armstrong) ... Owner 6 11 9
LAMONT (Mr. W. F. Sankey) ... Barthropp 6 11 9
AILSA CRAIG (Mr. Hutchison) ... Owner 7 11 9
LANDMAN (Mrs. M'Kenna) ... M'Kenna 7 11 9
CANZONET (Mr. J. Lawson) ... Elsey 4 10 9

1.30—IRVINE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £90. 3 m. Age st. lb.

TRUMP CARD (Mr. G. Nairn) W. Renwick a 12 2
MAGADI (Major Watson) G. Armstrong 9 11 4
SCOTCH EAGLE (Mr. Macdonald) Elsey 9 11 1
(The above have arrived.)
NEWLANDS (Mr. G. P. Sanday) Sanday a 12 7
DE COMBAT (Mr. Mulholland) Mulholland 8 11 11
ATHLEA (Capt. R. Lord) ... J. Renwick a 11 9
NORGILL (Mr. R. Simpson) ... Private a 11 3

2.0—BOGSIDE INAUGURATION HURDLE RACE (handicap), £150. 2 m. Age st. lb.

MOCKING BIRD (Mr. W. Wyllie) Wyllie 5 12 4
DARRAGH (Mr. T. Queen) ... Wyllie 5 12 3
PIVOTAL (7lb. ex.) (Brig.-Gen. Rotton) Renwick 5 11 12
GUINEA STAMP (Mr. Webb) Webb, jun. 7 11 6
MAGIC FLOWER (Mr. Braithwaite) Vasey 5 11 3
THE SHARK (Mr. J. M'Guigan) .. Owner 8 11 2
VESUVIUS (Brig.-Gen. Rotton) J. Renwick 5 11 1
KWANGO (Mrs. R. Don) ... Thomson 4 10 7
AILSA CRAIG (Mr. Hutchison) Hutchinson 7 10 0
(The above have arrived.)
MARSIN (Mr. C. Baron) .. G. Armstrong 7 12 8
WHITE MOUNTAIN (Mr. Renwick) Owner 5 12 7
BAALBEK (Mr. H. Mollekin) ... Vasey 7 12 0
LEMSTAR (Mr. J. Hartley) ... Basley 7 11 7
BETHSAIDA (Capt. Rogerson) Burgess 5 10 13

2.30—AILSA HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £100. 2 m. Age st. lb.

SAN RAFAEL (Mr. C. Thompson) .. Cole 9 12 4
PICKWELL (Mr. H. Mollekin) ... Vasey 6 11 12
BATTLE ROYAL (Mrs. Wybergh) Wybergh 8 11 9
ROYAL TOY (Mrs. Sanday) ... Sanday 7 11 8
SCOTTY RIGG (Major Neilson) Armstrong 5 10 7
(The above have arrived.)
RALPH FLAMBARD (Capt. Rogerson) Burgess 5 11 5
CAPLAN (Mr. J. J. Emerson) .. Turnbull 8 10 7

3.0—CARNOCK HURDLE RACE of £80. 2 m. Age st. lb.

SARGON (Mr. B. Bullock) ... Owner 6 11 7
FIDDLEBACK (Mr. E. Clark) ... Burns 6 11 7
GLANTRAGUE (Mrs. M'Laughlin) Vasey 6 11 7
BABY'S BOTTLE (Mr. Renton) ... Owner 8 11 7
BUSHVELD (Mr. J. Hutchinson) ... Owner 5 11 3
PABLO (Mr. R. Sinclair) ... Elsey 5 11 3
DISMOLOGY (Mr. J. Stevenson) .. Elsey 5 11 3
NEWBURGH (Mr. W. Fgerton) G. Armstrong 4 11 0
KWANGO (Mrs. R. Don) ... Thomson 4 10 7
MUSIC STAR (Mr. J. M'Lean) .. Scullion 4 10 7
MALTBY GRANGE (Mr. Mollekin) Vasey 4 10 7
(The above have arrived.)
OLD 'ARD (Capt. J. Renwick) ... Owner 5 11 10
THE PRESIDENT (Mr. Davidson) M'Call 9 11 7
FORNOVO (Mrs. Sanday) ... Sanday 6 11 7
LITTLE QUAKER (Mr. Thomson) Harper 6 11 7
NUMA (Mr. A. Tully) ... M'Call 8 11 7
DARRAGH (Mr. T. Queen) ... Wylie 5 11 3
SOBRIETY (Maj. W. Renwick) .. Owner 5 11 3
MAIDWELL (Mr. Wyllie) ... Owner 5 11 3
LITTLE SNOOKS (Mr. M'Kechnie) Elsey 4 10 7

3.30—MONTGOMERIE STEEPLECHASE of £80. 2 m. Age st. lb.

HAIRPIN II. (Mr. G. Sanday) ... Owner 11 12 7
ARRAVALE (Mr. C. Baron) G. Armstrong 10 12 0
(The above have arrived.)
BANK HOLIDAY II. (Mr. J. Johnstone) ... Coulthwaite 8 12 7
CRYSTAL GAZER II. (Maj. Dunlop) ... Owner 12 12 0
TALLOW KNIGHT (Mr. H. Rose) Owner 6 12 0

HOCKEY.

LEINSTER UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of the Association will be held on Tuesday evening next at 24 Lower Abbey street, at 8 p.m. Committee meeting at 7 p.m.

MANCHESTER RESULTS.

1.0—CLUB FOUR-YEAR-OLD HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. For maidens at closing. 2 m.

Mr. A. D. McAlpine's ch. g. SOCRATES, by Lomond—Rosevear, 11-0 ... G. Goswell 1
Mr. S. Wootton's CLINCH, 11-0 ... F. Wootton 2
Mrs. F. M. Lloyd's HIGH COURT, 11-0 ... J. Anthony 3

Also ran—Great Span (Speck), Air Gun (T. Livesey), Sandy Hook (T. Leader), Tocsin (Carroll), Lotus Land (W. Burke), Phantom Harry (Waudby), Seeker (C. Johnson) Bella Do (A. Vasey), Kerosene (Mr. H. Delmege), Clear Dance (J. Drake), Sydenham (P. Grace), Beeston (J. Mason). Off 1.0. (Winner trained by H. Harrison.)

Betting—6 to 5 agst. Clinch, 9 to 2 SOCRATES, 8 to 1 each High Court, Sandy Hook and Phantom Harry, 100 to 7 any other.

Won by two lengths; one and a half lengths.

1.30—CASTLE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 110 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. J. Baylis's ch. h. WEE MON, by Littleton—Pollywin, 9, 10-9 ... A. Shedden 1
Mr. G. P. Parry's REGICLES, 10, 11-2 ... T. Moreau 2
Mr. F. Williams's WILD DUCK, 6, 10-8 ... Scott 3

Also ran—Red Rock (J. Anthony), Righlina (F. Saunders), Long Tune (Capt. Field), Blenheim (G. Duller), Rosemary (D. McKenna), Boyne Water (D. Davis), Brandy Snap (F. Rees), Crozet (McMorran), Buzz On (Williams), Bachelor's Bevel (J. Goswell), Purple Rider (T. Leader), Count Volta (Mr. O'Brien), Glen Alpha (Mr. West), Muscadin (Owner), Jack Sheppard (T. Saunders), Toby (J. Crotty), St. Cormac (Hodgkinson). Off 1.34. (Winner trained by Shedden.)

Betting—7 to 2 agst. Bachelor's Bevel, 4 to 1 Blenheim, 5 to 1 each WEE MON and Purple Rider, 6 to 1 Brandy Snap, 20 to 1 any other.

Won by four lengths; one and a half lengths. Toby was pulled up; Rosemary fell.

The winner was bought in for 300 gns.

2.0—VICTORY STEEPLECHASE (handicap) of 1,000 sovs. Second rec. 100 sovs., third 50 sovs. 2 m.

Lord Londesborough's b. g. DUDLEY, by Rhesmarket, dam by Succoth, 11, 11-11 ... Mr. H. Brown 1
Mr. D. Sullivan's GANZEY, 11, 11-12 M. Keogh 2
Mr. K. W. Milne's HYMIR, 8, 12-0 ... E. Doyle 3
Mr. P. Monahan's Fariray, 8, 12-3 ... T. Leader 0
Lady Edgar's Bright's Boy, 6, 11-10 F. Rees 0
Mr. C. R. Baron's Doldrums, 8, 11-9 ... L. Rees 0
Mr. W. Black's Radnor, 7, 11-3 ... R. Lyall 0
Mr. S. Howard's Donegal, 8, 10-5 ... W. Stott 0
Mr. H. E. Steel's Ballinvalley, 7, 10-4 G. Green 0
Mr. J. W. Murland's Soothing Glass, 10, 11-10 ... P. Grace 0
Mr. G. G. Hyams's What Luck, 8, 11-6 ... Prioleau 0
Sir Robert Liddell's Phantom Bold, 9, 11-3 ... Waudby 0
Mrs. Sanday's Drumree, 9, 10-12 ... Donnelly 0
Mr. W. O'Driscoll's Barry Ogue, 8, 10-10 ... W. Horan 0

Off 2.4. (Winner trained by H. Brown.)

Betting—2 to 1 agst. DUDLEY, 5 to 1 Hymir, 6 to 1 Fariray, 8 to 1 Ganzey, 10 to 1 each Soothing Glass, Bright's Boy, Doldrums, What Luck, Phantom Bold, and Ballinvalley, 20 to 1 any other.

Ballinvalley settled down from Ganzey, Donegal, Fariray and Radnor. After going five furlongs Fariray fell and Donegal became second. Three fences from home What Luck was lying third. At the next obstacle Ganzey drew to the front, attended by Ballinvalley, who fell at the last fence. Dudley headed Ganzey at the last fence, and won by two lengths; three lengths separated second and third. Donegal was fourth and Drumree next.

2.30—NEW YEAR STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. For five-year-olds and upwards, that have not won a steeplechase value 90 sovs. to closing. 3 m.

Mr. Holford Harrison's b. h. GERALD JUNIOR, by Junior—Wild Witch, 6, 12-2 G. Goswell 1
Mr. G. Sale's THE MIGHTY ATOM, a, 10-11 ... Capt. Laye 2
Air-Commodore Samson's GREVISK, 7, 11-9 ... F. Gurney 3

Also ran—Tipperary Tim (W. Burke), Little Holloa (Mr. O'Brien). Off 2.30. (Winner trained by H. Harrison.)

Betting—13 to 8 on GERALD JUNIOR, 5 to 1 agst. Grevisk, 8 to 1 any other.

Won by two lengths; a bad third. Little Holloa and Tipperary Tim fell.

3.0—CHORLTON HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. O. Birkbeck's ch. g. AISLE, by Young Pegasus—Esparcette, 6, 10-2 ... T. Leader 1
Lord Wavertree's VONNA, 5, 11-0 ... J. Mason 2
Lord Barnby's SAILOR SON, 7, 11-0 .. E. Sally 3

Also ran—Belgian Boy (J. Anthony), Cigarmel (Hughes), Remedy (Hodgkinson), Duffy (Owner), Hillthorpe (Waudby). Off 3.0. (Winner trained by T. Leader.)

Betting—13 to 8 agst. Belgian Boy, 100 to 30 AISLE, 7 to 2 Vonna, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by six lengths; same.

3.30—JANUARY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. L. Oppenheim's ch. g. JARGOON, by Crown Jewel—Seramor, 6, 10-2 ... E. Foster 1
Mr. K. W. Milnes's MERRY MINER, 9, 10-8 ... Doyle 2
Mr. G. Brennand's SOME DANCER, 9, 10-7 ... Donnelly 3

Also ran—Phantom Willie (Waudby), Blaenor (G. Goswell), Nitric (Trodgill), Icemore (Scott), Black Miner (W. Burke), Dandy VII. (Owner), Harry Hart (Mr. P. Dennis). Off 3.31. (Winner trained by Barthropp.)

Betting—5 to 2 agst. Merry Miner, 3 to 1 Phantom Willie 5 to 1 JARGOON, 11 to 2 Nitric, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by two lengths; one and a half lengths. Dandy VII. pulled up.

TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS.

Another good day's racing is promised for Manchester, and, with weather conditions good and arrivals plentiful, good fields seem assured. Most of the entrants are likely to compete in the Victory Hurdle, in which I like best Hong Hong, Gyroscope, and Battle Cruiser. The first-named was decidedly unlucky at Lingfield when second to Lindholm, but he does not really get the course, and I fear that the going will be against him. Gyroscope is a most consistent performer, and, unless I am mistaken, was second best to Bright Land at Nottingham, and as he was on that occasion conceding 12lb. the form reads really good. Though Battle Cruiser has a poor record this season, he should win a good race shortly, but my vote must go to Gyroscope. Selections:—

Broughton Hurdle—**Mrs. Fall.**
Peel Park Hurdle—**Quilp.**
Victory Hurdle Race—**Gyroscope.**
Manchester Steeplechase—**St. George II.**
Stand Handicap Hurdle—**No Worry.**
Canal Steeplechase—**Old Times.**

1.0—BROUGHTON HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

MRS. FALL (Mr. J. Aitken) ... Aitken 7 11 7
BEDPOST (Mr. G. Barnett) ... Barthropp 6 11 7
ORPI (Mr. H. D. Basley) ... Basley 8 11 7
SUN CHARMER (Sir Delves Broughton) ... Coulthwaite 6 11 7
SARGON (Mr. B. M. Bullock) ... Bullock 6 11 7
MAGIC ROD (Mr. H. J. Delmege) Luby a 11 7
SNOW CREST (Mr. M. J. Peacock) ... Peacock 9 11 7
BAYDON (Ld. Wavertree) ... Ferguson 6 11 7
KELVIN (Ld. Carnarvon) ... H. A. Brown 5 11 3
FINAL ACT (Mr. R. C. Kidd) .. Private 5 11 3
DESERT CHIEF (Mr. H. F. Sturdy) ... T. Leader 5 11 3
ROYAL ORB (Mr. J. Adams) H. Harrison 4 10 7
SEEKER (Mr. T. M. Lofthouse) Roberts 4 10 7
CASE-HARDENED (Mrs. A. I. Smith) ... Drake 4 10 7
FRONT ROW (Mr. W. Webster) ... McCormack 4 10 7
(The above have arrived.)
ARRAVALE (Mr. C. R. Baron) ... G. Armstrong 9 12 3
WHITE PARK (Lady Edgar) .. Whitaker 6 12 3
IRISH ELF (Mr. A. R. Aston) .. E. Doyle 6 11 7
FOUNDATION (Mr. H. J. Boam) .. Dale 7 11 7
LAUZUN (Mrs. Boswell) ... Whitaker 7 11 7
LORD OFFALY (Mrs. E. Brock) ... G. Bennett 6 11 7
CANTERBURY (Mr. J. Burns) J. Burns 6 11 7
ROI DU CIEL (Mr. D. Goold) .. F. Archer 6 11 7
SWEET CLEMATIS (Sir Lycett Green) ... Hammett 6 11 7
BLUE BRIDGE (Maj. S. J. Green) ... McDougal 7 11 7
SMOKELESS DIAMOND (Mr. E. Griffith) ... Private a 11 7
CLOCHNABEN (Mr. W. Murray) ... McDougal 7 11 7
ARUN BRIDGE (Mr. J. C. Paterson) ... Paterson 7 11 7
BABY'S BOTTLE (Mr. R. Renton) Renton 8 11 7
FORNOVO (Mrs. Sanday) ... Sanday 6 11 7
CANADIAN TETRARCHIA (Mr. J. Smyth) ... J. Burns 6 11 7
NUMA (Mr. A. B. Tully) ... McCall 8 11 7
CORNET OF HORSE (Mr. C. Warrington) ... G. Armstrong 7 11 7
KING OF CLUBS (Mr. W. J. Bellerby) ... Bellerby 5 11 3
JOHN W. (Maj. Cavenagh) ... Private 5 11 3
BALSCELL (Miss T. Coulman) H. Hedges 5 11 3
BATH OLIVER (Mr. H. Dyke Dennis) ... D. Harrison 5 11 3
HOPE DEFERRED (Capt. J. Harrison-Broadley) ... Broadley 5 11 3
UP GARRYOWEN (Mr. H. Kershaw) ... Anthony 5 11 3
HOLIHONIC (Capt. C. B. Leake) ... E. Doyle 5 11 3
BALLYSMASHER (Mr. E. L. Lloyd) ... T. Leader 5 11 3
ROYAL SILVER (Mr. H. Mather) Larkin 5 11 3
THALIAN (Mr. W. Philip) ... Philip 5 11 3
WIND SWEPT (Mr. J. Ramsden) .. Gore 5 11 3
SABLE LADY (Mr. R. C. Ross) ... Moss 5 11 3
O'DEMPSEY (Mr. J. Turner) ... — 5 11 3
KINSMAN (Mr. F. W. G. Weeden) ... Larkin 5 11 3
ARGENTINE (Mr. Ernest Bates) ... W. Payne 4 10 7
MESALLIANCE (Mr. Baxter) ... Gunter 4 10 7
GRANGE LANE (Mr. M. D. Blair) ... Private 4 10 7
PASHA (Mr. Sol Joel) ... Westmorland 4 10 7
POLIN (Mr. Sol Joel) ... Westmorland 4 10 7
MANISTER FLIER (Mr. C. R. Mansel-Lewis) ... Morgan 4 10 7
HAREWICK (Mr. A. Prince) .. H. Hedges 4 10 7
SOLAR ECLIPSE (Mr. D. I. Shuter) ... Smyth 4 10 7

1.30—PEEL PARK SELLING HURDLE RACE of 110 sovs. 2 m. Age. st. lb

MINIKIN'S PRIDE (Mrs. H. D. Basley) ... Basley 6 11 9
QUILP (Mr. T. Lofthouse) ... Roberts a 11 9
PAGE (Mr. H. Sidebottom) ... Kirk 6 11 9
WEE MON (Mr. J. Baylis) ... Shedden a 11 9
GLENFARG (Mr. T. Coulthwaite) ... Coulthwaite a 11 2
BLENHEIM (Mr. I. Isaacs) ... Hyams 6 11 2
LIONCEAU (Mr. McAlpine) H. Harrison a 11 2
CROZET (Mr. D. Smallwood) G. Read 6 11 2
CHINESE PENNY (Mr. A. G. Darcy) (£100) ... J. Scott 5 10 12
ST. CLEARS (Mr. H. Sidebottom) .. Kirk 4 10 9
COYPOU (Mr. A. McCann) (£100) Ireland 4 10 2
(The above have arrived.)
WISE PRINCE (Mr. A. Blake) ... Private a 11 9
BUCKET (Mr. E. F. Davis) J. P. Davis a 11 9
PADDY MILESTONE (Mr. Dyke Dennis) ... D. Harrison a 11 9
FALSE REPORT (Mr. Holmes) ... D. Harrison a 11 9
LITTLE DORRIT (Mr. B. Irish) F. Lyall 6 11 9
ARUN BRIDGE (Mr. Paterson) Paterson a 11 9
LITTLE BUFFET (Mr. Renton) Renton 6 11 9
AAY (Mr. R. C. Ross) ... Moss a 11 9
ELSON (Mr. F. Lambert) ... Rimell a 11 9
ST. CORMAC (Maj. R. Fenwick-Palmer) ... Palmer 5 11 5
SQUARE PEG (Mr. T. Frost) ... Frost 5 11 5
DOMINICAN (Mr. Reardon) J. Reardon 5 11 5
RED ROCK (Mrs. Barthropp) Barthropp a 11 2
GOLDEN DAISY (Mr. W. J. Bellerby) ... Bellerby a 11 2
GRAYSTOWN (Mr. Bennett) G. Bennett a 11 2
ENVOY (Mr. H. A. Brown) ... H. A. Brown a 11 2
SILVER MORSEL (Mr. Burke) M. Dawson a 11 2
CANTERBURY (Mr. J. Burns) ... Burns 6 11 2
RIGHLINA (Mr. A. J. Chamberlain) ... Chamberlain 6 11 2
MISTER BLACK (Mr. J. Colt) ... Craven a 11 2
PANTAGRUEL II. (Mr. Colt) ... Craven 6 11 2
SNAKE ASH (Mr. G. Elliott) ... Sutcliffe a 11 2
CELTIC MIST (Mr. W. Green) Smallwood 6 11 2
EARLY BUN (Miss A. Foden) ... Bickley a 11 2
WISE FOLLY (Mr. G. Hilditch) Spittle a 11 2
AUBRETIA (Mr. R. Huggett) Anthony a 11 2
GOLDENDALE (Capt. C. Leake) E. Doyle a 11 2
BARRACKTON LAD (Mr. J. O'Callaghan) ... G. Bennett 6 11 2
BELGIAN BOY (Mr. L. Oppenheim) ... Barthropp 6 11 2
PAULINUS (Miss Rodocanachi) Powell 6 11 2
GLENESKAKI (Mrs. Rollinson) Skelton a 11 2
JOAN OF HEREFORD (Mr. G. W. Smith) ... Drake 5 11 2
SON O' LEE (Mr. J. Smyth) ... J. Burns a 11 2
CLICKER (Mr. W. Balmforth) Skelton 5 10 12
ORANGE RIVER (Maj. Eves) W. Payne 5 10 12
MORE PRIDE (Mr. G. N. Bennett) (£100) ... G. Bennett 5 10 12
L.L. (Mrs. N. Roberts) ... Roberts 4 10 9
GLENNELL (Mr. J. Settle) ... C. Davis 4 10 9
LADY JAQUENETTA (Mr. M. J. Cummins) (£100) ... Newey 4 10 2
LADY OAK (Mr. G. Elliott) (£100) ... Sutcliffe 4 10 2
ORMADA (Mr. G. C. Lees-Milne) (£100) ... Powell 4 10 2
SALE TICKET (Mr. L. F. Fattorini) (£100) ... Skelton 4 10 2
BABU (Mr. J. Holmes) (£100) ... D. Harrison 4 10 2

2.0—VICTORY HURDLE RACE (handicap) of 500 sovs.; second receives 50 sovs., and third 25 sovs. 2 m. Age. st. lb.

CIVIC GUARD (Mr. H. Kershaw) ... Anthony 6 12 7
ARGO (Lord Londesborough) Coulthwaite 6 12 1
PHANTOM CHARLEY (Sir Robert Liddell) ... Peacock 6 11 10
HONG-KONG (Mr. A. M. Jones) ... H. Turner 6 11 7
GYROSCOPE (Mr. J. Settle) ... C. Davis 4 11 5
PRINCE SADIM (Mr. T. Leader) ... T. Leader 5 11 5
FORTUNE (Mr. H. Cope) ... Shedden 7 11 2
BENEDICTION (Mr. D. G. Dickson) ... Coulthwaite 8 11 1
CORNEY GRAIN (Mr. Arthur Knowles) ... Ferguson 9 11 1
HOLY FOOKS (Mr. F. Burke) ... M. Dawson 10 11 0
BATTLE CRUISER (Mr. R. Mealings) ... Butchers 5 10 11
GEORGE CRAG (Mr. G. W. Smith) ... Drake 8 10 11
LOW TIDE (Mr. R. Bowness) ... Coulthwaite 7 10 8
LIMBER DANCER (Mr. F. Burke) ... M. Dawson 5 10 8
HONEYCOMB (Mr. H. Tait) McCormack 7 10 7
DARK DAVID (Mr. C. M. Hennessey) ... J. T. Dodd 5 10 2
(The above have arrived.)
EMPHATIC (10lb. ex.) (Mrs. McKenna) ... McKenna 6 12 10
CLOCHNABEN (Mr. W. Murray) ... McDougal a 11 11
HERNE THE HUNTER (Major H. A. Wernher) ... Weatherill 6 11 11
PERAHARA (Mr. H. Collins) ... G. Bennett 5 11 6
DUNIN (Mr. F. Jepling) ... Renton 5 10 2

2.30—MANCHESTER HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 111 sovs. 3 m. Age st. lb.

BALLYMACRORY (Mr. B. C. Ross) ... Ireland 8 11 8
ST. GEORGE II. (Mr. M. H. Benson) ... Hyams 8 11 2
UPPER RATHDUFF (Mr. C. Taylor) ... Coulthwaite 10 10 13
RATHMORE (Mr. A. Hood) ... Sanday 8 10 12
JINK (Mr. S. Gourlay) ... Private 9 10 6
JACK HORNER (Mr. K. Mackay) ... Mackay 8 10 2
(The above have arrived.)
JIMMU (7lb. ex.) (Mr. Sanday) Sanday 11 12 8
OLD TAY BRIDGE (Mrs. W. H. Dixon) ... F. Hartigan 11 12 7
VAULX (Mr. C. Piggott) ... Piggott 11 12 7
ARDERN (Sir Keith Fraser) ... Private 8 12 4
TRENTINO (Major W. Newland Hillas) ... Hillas 11 12 3
GEM (Major C. W. M. Norrie) ... G. Bennett 8 11 12
RUDDYGLOW (7lb. ex.) (Mr. W. Pilmer-Sankey) ... H. A. Brown 7 11 11
LEE BRIDGE (Mr. R. G. Shaw) ... Withington 8 11 10
MY ROYAL (Mr. H. S. Kenyon) ... J. T. Dodd 13 11 10
ROUSHAM (7lb. ex.) (Mr. H. Dyke Dennis) ... D. Harrison 10 11 9
CATAMARAN (Captain A. E. Grant) ... W. Payne 9 11 9
KWANG-SU II. (Mr. James A. de Rothschild) ... Whitaker 9 11 7
GRENHURST (Lord Westmorland) ... Westmorland 9 11 6
THE SHERIFF (Mr. W. Parsonage) ... Whitaker 7 11 6
ST. BERNARD (Mrs. N. Brownlee) ... Butchers 11 11 6
POTHERN (Lord Londesborough) ... Coulthwaite 10 11 6
PROGRESS (Lord Westmorland) ... Westmorland 7 11 5
DAISY CUTTER (Mrs. R. N. Willett) ... Willett 11 11 0
SOLDIER BILL (Mr. A. Hood) ... Sanday 9 11 0
ALL WHITE (Lord Wavertree) ... Ferguson 11 10 13
PICTURE HALL (Mr. W. M. Lees) ... Private 9 10 12
MOUNT RIVERS (Major Furlong) ... Private 5 10 10
EUPHONY (Sir Ernest Tate) ... Gardner 6 10 7
DRURY LANE II. (Mr. W. T. Ancil) ... Private 8 10 7
TIPPERARY TIM (Mr. H. S. Kenyon) ... J. T. Dodd 7 10 7
SOUTHERN LASS (Mr. E. H. Bartholomew) ... Kelly 10 10 7
GREVISK (Air-Commodore Samson) ... Woodland 7 10 6
GARDENRATH (Mr. F. A. Waring) ... S. Bennett 10 10 4
CONDOR (Captain R. T. Stanyforth) ... Woodland 8 10 0
WOLSEY (Major F. R. Samson) ... Woodland 8 10 0
UPTON LAD (Mr. J. C. Paterson) ... J. Paterson 10 10 0
SORREL HILL (Mr. Smith-Ryland) ... Hall 10 10 0
MULTUM IN PARVO (Mr. R. Peake) ... Private 10 10 0
THE LOUT (Mr. S. Moore) ... Davey 6 10 0

3.0—STAND HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 110 sovs. 2 m.

CIVIC GUARD (Mr. H. Kershaw) ... Anthony 6 12 10
DESPOTE (Mr. W. H. McAlpine) ... C. Leader 6 11 13
MAURICE GILLOIS (Mr. J. A. Coen) ... M. Dawson 7 11 12
FRONT LINE (Mr. O. F. Mosley) ... Mosley 9 11 8
GYROSCOPE (Mr. J. Settle) ... C. Davis 4 11 8
CORNEY GRAIN (Mr. Arthur Knowles) ... Ferguson 9 11 4
SIMON'S LIGHT (Mrs. G. Jones) ... Orbell 6 11 3
HONEYCOMB (Mr. H. Tait) McCormack 7 10 10
SAILOR SON (Lord Barnby) Smallwood 7 10 10
MERRILY (Mr. Holford Harrison) ... H. Harrison 6 10 8
LEMSTAR (Mr. J. Hartley) ... Basley 7 10 7
NO WORRY (Mr. C. Blackmore) ... Private 10 10 5
ROSEMARY (Mr. W. Webster) ... McCormack 5 10 0
(The above have arrived.)
MAJOR RAY (Mr. P. Monahan) ... Coulthwaite 5 12 4
BARRACKTON LAD (Mr. J. O'Callaghan) ... Coulthwaite 6 12 3
PERAHARA (Mr. H. Collins) ... G. Bennett 5 11 9
CLACKMANNAN (Mr. C. Green) ... C. Piggott 6 11 6
MAY KING (Mrs. M. D. Coat) .. McDougal 6 11 5
PHAROOH (Miss T. Coulman) .. H. Hedges 6 11 5
NOCTIFER (Mr. W. Payne) ... W. Payne 6 11 4
READING (Mr. C. W. Neville) Woodman 7 11 3
FALSE REPORT (Mr. J. Holmes) ... D. Harrison 9 11 3
ENVOY (Mr. H. A. Brown) ... H. A. Brown 8 11 3
LENGLEN (Mr. H. Adams) ... Newey 6 11 3
KILNWICK (Mr. Renton) ... Renton 5 11 2
CLYNO (Mr. Mansel-Lewis) ... Morgan 5 11 1
ESPINO (Mr. G. N. Bennett) ... G. Bennett 4 11 1
MOONBEAM (Mr. G. Elliott) ... Sutcliffe 10 11 1
CELTIC MIST (Mr. W. Green) ... Smallwood 7 10 12
ILDERTON (Mr. W. G. Knight) ... E. Doyle 8 10 11
GRENFARG (Mr. T. Coulthwaite) ... Coulthwaite 10 10 10
SOLAR ECLIPSE (Mr. D. I. Shuter) ... Smyth 4 10 9
GILDED SPURS (Mr. S. Moore) ... Davey 6 10 8
LEARTES (Miss A. McKenna) McKenna 5 10 8
BELGIAN BOY (Mr. L. Oppenheim) ... Barthropp 6 10 7
KILLUCAN (Mr. G. Hilditch) ... Spittle 5 10 7
WATERFORD GLASS II. (Mr. H. Cope) ... Shedden 10 10 6
TRUSTY (Mr. F. N. Ault) ... Newey 5 10 5
ABBOTT'S CHOICE (Mr. A. Dawson) ... Tomlinson 5 10 5
DRIVE ON (Sir Alfred Butt) ... Woodland 6 10 4
FRUSCINO (Mr. W. Paul) ... Sanday 9 10 4
BALSCELL (Miss T. Coulman) ... H. Hedges 6 10 4
TOM POOL (Miss P. Foster) ... Private 11 10 3
MUNSTER'S PRIDE (Mr. L. Oppenheim) ... Barthropp 6 10 1
VALE OF REALM (Mr. H. Copeland) ... Copeland 10 10 0
OCTABELLA'S PRIDE (Mr. S. Morris) ... Vasey 6 10 0
MORNING STAR (Mr. J. Baylis) ... Shedden 10 10 0

3.30—CANAL STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 2 m. Age. st. lb.

SAMMY (Mrs. H. D. Basley) ... Basley a 12 0
JACK RUFUS (Mr. R. J. B. Gubbin) ... Private 8 12 0
EAGLE'S TAIL (Mr. J. Hartley) ... Basley 6 12 0
SANTABEL (Mr. H. Liddell) ... Woodland 6 12 0
SHAUN OR (Mr. E. L. Lloyd) ... T. Leader 6 12 0
JACK HORNER (Mr. K. Mackay) ... Coulthwaite 8 12 0
OLD TIMES (Mr. C. Taylor) Coulthwaite 7 12 0
WESTVIEW (Mr. J. Turner) ... Bullock 7 12 0
ARDAILE (Lady Edgar) ... Whitaker 5 11 7
KILBRAIN (Mr. E. A. Longworth) ... E. Doyle 5 11 7
(The above have arrived.)
TOP LIGHT (Lt.-Col. D. C. Part) ... Hastings a 12 10
BRUFF BATTLE (7lb. ex.) (Mrs. H. A. Brown) ... H. A. Brown 6 12 7
MARSIN (Mr. C. R. Baron) G. Armstrong 7 12 7
YORICK (Mr. J. Harris) ... Hyams 7 12 0
REDSTART (Capt. Roche Hay) ... Private 8 12 0
MIDDLETHORPE (Mrs. Bower Ismay) ... Hastings 7 12 0
KERAMEICOS (Mr. A. D. McAlpine) ... H. Harrison 7 12 0
MURKY PAST (Mr. R. Osborn) ... F. Lyall 6 12 0
FRUSCINO (Mr. W. Paul) ... Sanday a 12 0
PAUL (Mr. W. T. Sears) ... Westmorland a 12 0
BUTTERTHWAITE (Major R. A. Smith) ... Smallwood 6 12 0
HACKDENE (Mr. E. A. V. Stanley) ... Hastings 6 12 0
GERION (Mr. W. West) ... Craven 5 12 0
CALTHROP (Duchess of Westminster) ... McDougal 6 12 0
CONDOBOLIN (Mr. S. Wootton) E. Doyle 6 12 0
WILD SWAN (Sir Edward Edgar) ... Whitaker 5 11 7
CROSS HANDS (Lord Westmorland) ... Westmorland 5 11 7
AMPULLA (Sir Lycett Green) ... Hammett 4 10 7
WOOER (Col. A. G. Hore-Ruthven) ... Withington 4 10 7
PONGO (Baron F. de Tuyll) F. Hartigan 4 10 7

ENTRIES.

MANCHESTER MEETING.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

GRAND ALLIES' STEEPLECHASE (handicap) of 200 sovs. For four years old and upwards. The second to receive 100 sovs. and the third 50 sovs. out of the plate. Three miles.

	Age.		Age.
Arravale	a	Maureen Bawn	a
Fly Mask	a	Sprig	a
Upper Rathduff	a	Mount Etna	a
Vaulx	a	Keep Cool	a
All White	a	Ballinvalley	a
Southend	a	Trentino	a
Royal Chancellor	a	Ballymacrory	a
Silver Heckle	a	Clonsheever	a
Vive	a	Royal Edgar	a
Super Man	a	Rousham	a
Forewarned	a	Chin Chin	a
King Solitude	a	Throw In	a
His Luck	a	Jack Horner	a
Hairpin II.	a	Knocah	6

MALLOW MEETING ABANDONED.

The Mallow Meeting arranged to be held on Tuesday next has had to be abandoned. This step has, unfortunately, been necessitated owing to the bursting of a deep culvert caused by flood water, and the damage cannot possibly be repaired in time. The chief event, the Foxhunters' Derby, will be included in the programme of the first day of the March meeting.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

Owing to the late arrival of the Northern train the first race at Baldoyle yesterday was put back ten minutes.

Mr. James White has sold his useful horse, Norseman, to go to Pernambuco.

Joseph Canty and J. Hogan, jun., after riding at Baldoyle, crossed last night to Manchester, where they have engagements to-day.

After the Victory Steeplechase at Manchester yesterday Ganzey, who finished second, was purchased by Mr. J. Holmes for 1,250 gns. The horse goes into W. Harrison's stable.

The Red Knight, who was purchased out of the Wroughton stable last winter, has been doing well in America, where he has carried off four good races. He injured himself slightly by a fall in his last race, but he is expected to be all right again after a rest.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Jockey Club Stakes, Newmarket—Reggie.
Bogside engagements—Roseling, Tilbury, Chapeau.
All engagements in Lord Blandford's name—Arbilala.
All engagements in Sir William Cooke's name—Nonpareil colt (3 yrs.), Swinfen gelding (3 yrs.) Heat Wave.
All engagements—Pactolus.

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE
MALLOW RACE CLUB
Regret to inform the Public that a deep culvert crossing the course at Mallow has burst with flood water, and it will be impossible to have same repaired in time for the Meeting on 6th inst. This necessitates the abandonment of the January fixture, which is particularly unfortunate, as the course itself is in good order.
The chief event, the Foxhunters' Derby, over which considerable interest has been evinced, will be run on the 1st day of the March Meeting—viz., 11th March, 1925, and, meanwhile, the Stewards of the Turf Club have been asked to give the Mallow Race Club an extra fixture.—(Advt.)

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Westminster Gazette:—To-day's best — Limber Dancer. Double—Limber Dancer and Old Times.

Daily News:—Double—Wise Folly and St. George II.

Daily Express:—Double — St. George II. and Old Times. Safety bet—St. George II. (to win).

Daily Mirror:—Double — Desert Chief (nap) and Wise Folly.

Daily Graphic:—Double—Hong Kong and Murky Past.

ASSOCIATION.

INTERMEDIATE CUP FINAL.

At Cliftonville grounds, Belfast, yesterday, the 33rd final of the Intermediate Cup was played in miserable weather, the competing teams being Crusaders and Linfield Rangers. Towards the end of the first half Croft drove through Crusaders' defence, and Snowden accepted a perfect cross to beat Peck, this being the only goal of the match. Result:—

Linfield Rangers—1 goal.
Crusaders—Nil.

ARMY FOOTBALL.

ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES AND THE ARMY CUP.

The Depot, the Royal Ulster Rifles, Armagh, has received many congratulations, including those of the colonel of the regiment, General Sir Alexander Godley, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., on its team reaching the third round of the Army Cup by beating two battalions. The third round, v. the 2nd Cheshires, will be played in Belfast about 21st inst.

The Depot team has also reached the third round of the N.I. District Cup (the old Irish Army Cup), which was held by the 2nd Battalion in 1904-5 and 1905-6, and will meet the 1st Durham Light Infantry, who received byes in the first and second rounds, in February. The Depot is doing well in Mid-Ulster football, being finalists v. Dungannon Town in the Malone Shield—to be played shortly in Portadown.

IRISH CUP—SEMI-FINAL ROUND.

The draw for the semi-finals of the Irish Cup was made in Belfast last night, and resulted as follows:—Glentoran v. Crusaders, at Cliftonville; Distillery v. Glenavon, at Windsor Park. Both matches will be played on 31st January.

YESTERDAY'S LEAGUE RESULTS.

ENGLISH LEAGUE—DIVISION I.

	Goals.		Goals.
Bolton Wanderers	3	Birmingham	0
Bury	1	Tottenham Hotspur	2
Everton	3	Burnley	2
Newcastle United	0	Sheffield United	0
Sunderland	1	Cardiff City	0
Blackburn Rovers v. Nottingham Forest—Abandoned at Blackburn, the ground being water-logged.			

ENGLISH LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

South Shields	4	Coventry	1
Stockport County	1	Wolverhampton W.	1
Stoke	0	Bradford City	0
Manchester United	1	Chelsea	0
Fulham	3	Middlesbrough	0
The Wednesday	1	Oldham	0

ENGLISH LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (N.).

Hartlepools United	3	Walsall	1
New Brighton	3	Tranmere Rovers	1
Accrington Stanley	3	Darlington	1
Ashington	2	Rotherham County	0
Bradford	3	Barrow	1
Chesterfield	1	Wrexham	1
Durham City	5	Lincoln City	0
Grimsby Town	1	Doncaster Rovers	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Cowdenbeath	1	Raith Rovers	1
Dundee	2	Aberdeen	0
Airdrieonians	2	Falkirk	0
Hibernians	1	Hearts	1
Kilmarnock	4	Ayr United	1
Morton	3	St. Mirren	1
Third Lanark	3	Partick Thistle	0
Rangers	4	Celtic	1
Hamilton v. Motherwell postponed.			

GOLF.

IRISH PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT.

Dan Murray, who has been for the past four-and-a-half years professional to the Armagh Golf Club, has been appointed professional of Skerries Club.

FOXROCK (Ladies' Branch)—January 6th, medal, stroke.
RATHFARNHAM (Ladies' Branch)—Monthly fourmomes, Tuesday next. Draw at 11 o'clock.

HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

January.	Meet.	Hour.
Saturday, 3rd	Donaghmore X Roads	1.30

THE KILDARE.

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THE MEATH.

To-day	Kilmoon	11. 0
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THE KILDARE HOUNDS.

A fine gallop, as straight as a die, on Tuesday, 30th December, saw the old year out. The meet was 18th Milestone and very well attended. Unfortunately the tenant of Sillat Hill, the first draw, got to ground in covert, and with Killashee blank, hounds went on to Punchestown. The occupant was, no doubt, one of the "old customer" sort, and having made a circuit or two of the gorse, broke on the eastern side, and set his mask for the hills. Description is unnecessary, as in an almost perfectly straight line, all over grass, he took us to within a field of Downshire, where he turned left-handed and reached Tinode. A heavy storm seemed now to bilterate all trace, and no more was done. The point would measure over seven miles.

It was rumoured that Mr. Lockwood's offer to hunt the country had been accepted, and that probably he would take over the Mastership at once.

THE MEATH HOUNDS.

The latter days of last week—viz., at Slane on Christmas Eve, and at Allenstown on Boxing Day, did not keep up the previous high average of sport, nor did Monday of this week at Dunderry Park—where Captain and Mrs. Eccles offered a welcome to a large field. The weather conditions of late have been abnormally bad and scent has been the same. A plethora of foxes on foot also did harm on Monday, as there was a brace or a brace and a half running in front of hounds from Philpotstown all about Churchtown. An objective found later in Rathnally was somewhat quickly run into, and the day finished with a short hunt from Carrolstown.

Large parties had been arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw's dance at Somerton that evening, which was a very enjoyable one, and kept up until it barely allowed time for those living at a distance to get back for the meet at Kilbride on Tuesday morning. It had blown and rained during the night, yet by 11 o'clock it was a fine, fresh hunting morning, calculated to restore to the "revellers" of the previous night their pristine energy. Priestown laurels did not hold, but a quick hunt and a halloa away followed at Cheeverstown. Hounds ran prettily on the left of the Ratoath road for a bit, and crossed it short of Glascairn, but a hole in a ditch before reaching Kilrue covert brought an end to the joy. Kilrue gorse is always bad for scent, and to-day was remarkably so, as we had eventually to leave it without effecting a break, though a brace of foxes were trotting about in it. A long hack followed to Boylans, which held as usual, the bitches coming away on a fox towards the Lagore-Ten Mile Bush road, but bearing right-handed old Fairyhouse was hunted over hesitatingly, and then more right-handed we came round in a big circle back to the starting point. Our quarry subsequently went away much in the same direction as previously, but crossed Fairyhouse Racecourse and was not accounted for near Glascairn. Lagore later did not hold, which ended a nice day's sport.

BRAY HARRIERS.—Saturday, 3rd, Kilruddery 1.30.

FINGAL HARRIERS.—To-day, Roganstown, 12.0.

HILLSIDE HARRIERS.—Saturday, 3rd, Kingswood, Naas road, 2.0.

KILL HARRIERS.—January—Friday, 2nd, Newhaggard; Wednesday, 7th, Scarriff; Friday, 9th, Rathmolyon; Tuesday, 13th, Kildalkey; Friday, 16th, Longwood (stag); Tuesday, 20th, Brannockstown Cross-roads; Friday, 23rd, Killyon Barrack; Tuesday, 27th, Johnstownbridge; Friday, 30th, Ballivor. At 12 o'clock.

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CYCLING.

OLD TIMERS' FELLOWSHIP.

The annual general meeting of the Irish Cyclist Old Timers' Fellowship was held last evening at 54 Upper Sackville street, under the chairmanship of Mr. E. Power, the outgoing president. The report of the year, presented by Mr. G. H. Ford, hon. sec., indicated that the activities of the organisation had been well maintained during the year, and despite the unfavourable weather experienced during the season, the attendances at the runs averaged eighteen. Reference was made to the loss the Fellowship had sustained during the year by the death of two of its past presidents, Messrs. R. J. Mecredy and A. R. Wayte, and three of its founder members, Messrs. H. Braine, S. Kyle, and A. Norman, LL.D. The financial statement showed an increased credit balance.

The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows:—

President: Mr. E. Condell; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. G. Stoney, E. W. Burke, J. R. Stritch, T. W. Murphy, and G. H. Ford; Joint Hon. Secs. and Treasurers: Messrs. R. P. Rogers and L. C. Doran; Committee: Messrs. J. E. Thornton, J. Lord, A. W. Hewett, T. P. Kane, J. C. Marlowe, J. J. Clinch, A. Le Sage, E. F. Coates, P. Cran, R. L. Chapman, and T. H. Evans.

The date of the annual dinner was provisionally fixed for Saturday, February 21st.

CROSS-COUNTRY.

CITY AND SUBURBAN HARRIERS.

Run from Croydon Park House, Fairview, to-day at 3 p.m.; also Saturday at 3.30 p.m. In view of the near approach of the Novices' Championship a full attendance of members is expected. Visitors invited.

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Irish Times	Mrs. Fall.	Quilp.	Gyroscope.	St. George II.	No Worry.	Old Times.
S. Life and Sportsman	Desert Chief.	Envoy.	Phantom Charley.	Jack Horner.	Veil of Realm.	Old Times.*
Man on the Spot	Royal Orb.	Lionceau.	Phantom Charley.	Ballymacrory.*	No Worry.	Old Times.
Westminster Gazette	Mrs. Fall.	Aubretia.	Limber Dancer.	Ruddy Glow.	No Worry.	Old Times.
Daily News	Mrs. Fall.	Wise Folly.*	Limber Dancer.	St. George II.	Lemstar.	Old Times.
Daily Express	Mrs. Fall.	Wise Prince; if ab., Little Buffet.	Prince Sadim.	St. George II.*	Front Line.	Old Times, next best.
Daily Mirror	Desert Chief.	Wise Folly.	Argo.	Ruddy Glow.	Veil of Realm.	Old Times.
Daily Graphic	Royal Orb.	Wise Folly.	Hong Kong.*	Condor.	Celtic Mist.	Murky Past.
Star	Mrs. Fall.	Ormada.	Argo.*	Condor.	Glenfarg.	Murky Past.
Evening News	Royal Orb.	Envoy.	Hong Kong.*	Condor.*	No Worry.	Ardaile.
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There was an extraordinary incident about this time. Richardson kicked a ball from Woolley, and a leg bye was run. Tate held his hand up in disapprobation, and there was considerable excitement among the spectators. Woolley in the alips made a magnificent attempt to dismiss Richardson when he had scored 37. The Kent player dived at the ball but just failed to reach it. He fell, but was not injured. Tyldesley relieved Tate at 295, but the batsmen were thoroughly well established and played out time in confident fashion, stumps being drawn with the total at 300 for four wickets, Ponsford 128 and Richardson 33. Score :—

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H. L. Collins c Strudwick b Tate	9
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J. M. Taylor run out	77
V. Richardson not out	33
Extras	19
Total (4 wkts.)	300

To Bat—A. E. V. Hartkopf, C. Kelleway, J. M. Gregory, W. A. Oldfield, A. A. Mailey.

FALL OF WICKETS.

1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.
22	47	206	300

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	M.	R.	W.
Tate ..	22	4	61
Douglas ..	14	0	57
Tyldesley ..	17	0	67
Gilligan ..	12	1	39
Hearne ..	7	0	41
Woolley ..	4	3	3

THE EIGHT BALL OVER.

MELBOURNE, January 1.

The following statistics in connection with the eight ball over, which is being discussed at the meeting between the representatives of the M.C.C. team and the Australian Cricket Board, have been compiled. In the first match at Sydney, 18 wickets fell with the seventh or eighth ball, England taking 6 with the eighth and 4 with the seventh, while Australia secured 4 with the seventh and 4 with the eighth.

During the four 43 wickets for and against have fallen on the seventh ball, and 42 on the eighth.

MR. JOEL'S XI. V. SOUTH AFRICA.

DURBAN, January 1, 1925.

Although a strong breeze was blowing the weather was very settled when play started this morning in the second unofficial Test Match arranged for the tour of Mr. Joel's team of Rhodesian cricketers in South Africa. The wicket was in excellent condition, but the outfield was slow. There was only a moderate attendance at the start. Having won the toss, Tennyson decided to take first knock, and sent Holmes and Bowley in to open the Englishmen's innings. The batsmen began confidently, and numerous changes in the attack were tried, while the fielding was very sloppy. Bowley reached his 50 in exactly an hour and a half, and reached his century in five minutes under three hours. During his stay of just over three hours and a quarter the Sussex player did not give a single chance. Score :—

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J. C. W. MacBryan run out	30
Hon. L. H. Tennyson c Neser b Hall	34
Astill c Costyrahan b Nupen	2
Kennedy l.b.w. b Hall	18
Geary l.b.w. b Nupen	0
Parker not out	5
E. L. D. Bartley not out	3
Extras	24
Total (9 wkts.)	285

COURSING.

COUNTY CARLOW.

Judge—Mr. P. J. Kennedy. Slipper—P. J. Kinnane.

TRIAL STAKES—For 16 puppies. Winner, £35; second, £10; two dogs, £2 10/- each.

Mrs. N. W. Shackleton's Seven-and-Sixpence beat Mr. J. Travers' Tips Fancy.

Mr. T. Kelly's Sleaty Boy beat Mr. J. Godkins' Gerey's Wonder.

Mr. P. J. Meehan's Glorious Land beat Mr. B. M. O'Connor's Master Speed.

Mr. T. Harte's Hidden Sands beat Mr. J. Ryland's Free Speech.

Mr. T. Kelly's Knockdrum beat Miss K. M. Baird's Hit the Breeze.

Mr. T. Harte's Hidden Thorn beat Mr. M. Kearney's Kiama Fancy.

Mr. P. Corrigan's Balrath Glory beat Mr. P. J. Meehan's Glorious Queen.

Mr. J. O'Donohoe's Four-and-Ninepence beat Mr. C. Symmond's Ballinabarney Lass.

II.

Sleaty Boy beat Seven-and-Sixpence.
Hidden Sands beat Glorious Land.
Hidden Thorn beat Knockdrum.
Balrath Glory beat Four-and-Ninepence.

III.

Sleaty Boy beat Hidden Sands.
Hidden Thorn beat Balrath Glory.

IV.

R. d. Hidden Thorn (Vedderfield—Silver Worse) beat r. d. Sleaty Boy (Three Steed—Hebhora).

THE HALL CUP—For 12 all-ages. Cup presented by Kin. Pinall, E.P.H. Winner, £34; second, £9; third, £5.

Mr. F. Casey's Credit Job beat Mr. J. A. Cullen's Jeddersel.

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Gathabeg a bye.

IV.

Bd. d. You Bucko (Harmonicon—Currahill Belle) and bd. d. Gathabeg (Silver Donard—Dromore) divided.

CLONBURN STAKES—For 16 all-ages. Winner, £30; second, £8; two dogs, £2 each.

Mr. D. Tracy's Hard Fight beat Mr. D. Looby's Movie Rebel.

Mr. T. F. Walsh's Kilmalogue beat Mr. W. Maloney's Over 'ole.

Mr. P. O'Connor's Prince Thello beat Mr. J. Dunphy's Park Ivy.

Mr. C. Darcy's Dodge beat Mr. W. P. Ryan's Lady Hill.

Mr. C. O'Dwyer's Knockane Lad beat Mr. E. Bonny's Ballymonty Mick.

Mr. Cleary's Midas beat Mr. P. Cahill's Cushy Girl.

Mr. D. O'Keeffe's Fleecy Wave beat Mr. T. Devitt's Jack-the-Rake.

Mr. J. Ryan's Ruby Error beat Mr. J. Kerr's Royal Buck.

II.

Hard Fight beat Kilmalogue.
Prince Thello beat Dodge.
Knockane Lad beat Midas.
Fleecy Wave beat Ruby Error.

Stakes divided.

THE CLUB STAKES—For 15 all-ages. Winner, £17; second, £7 10/-; two dogs, £1 10/- each.

Mr. L. Donnelly's Wild Spinner beat Mr. J. Ryan's Modest Dan.

Mr. J. O'Brien's Harmonious Prince beat Mr. F. Tobin's Yankee Doo.

Mr. P. Long's Flying Spinner beat Mr. M. Lonergan's Broadcaster.

Mrs. M. F. Barron's Mr. Jim beat Mr. Lonergan's Murphy's Single.

Mr. P. Ryer's Kilmeelish Belle beat Mr. F. O'Gorman's Jolly Hannah.

Mr. R. Stapleton's Let-'er-Know beat Mr. W. Naughton's Nelia.

Mr. J. Kelly's Keel Row beat Mr. M. F. Barron's Maureen Brack.

Mr. J. Byrne's Carlin Dear, a bye.

II.

Wild Spinner beat Harmonious Prince.
Mr. Jim beat Flying Spinner.
Let-'er-Know beat Kilmeelish Belle.
Carlin Dear beat Keel Row.

Stakes divided.

CASTLEYONS.

Judge—Mr. M. Skehan. Slipper—T. Ahern.

IRISH NATIONAL BREEDERS' TRIAL STAKE—For 16 dog and bitch puppies. Winner £22, second £8, two dogs £2 10/- each.

Mr. J. Moore's Athea beat Mr. D. J. O'Connell's Old Ardakeagh.

Mr. E. P. Keane's Curious Light beat Mrs. A. Condon's Artful Con.

Mr. R. Treacy's Bounding Beauty beat Mr. H. Sullivan's Old Station.

Mr. M. Riordan's Flying Buzzard beat Mr. N. Buckley's Woisey.

Mr. F. Reynold's Real Wonder beat Mr. W. O'Dea's Leading Light II.

Mr. D. Nugent's Hard to be Got beat Mr. P. Casey's April.

Mr. J. Lombard's Peg Fisher beat Mr. N. Buckley's Cushendall.

Mr. W. O'Riordan's Winter Rose beat Mr. N. Pomeroy's Partly Over.

II.

Athea beat Curious Light.
Flying Buzzard beat Bounding Beauty a bye.
Real Wonder beat Hard to be Got, Winter Rose beat Peg Fisher.

III.

Athea beat Flying Buzzard.
Real Wonder a bye, Winter Rose drawn.

Athea beat Real Wonder.

THE BRIDE VALLEY STAKE—For 11 all-ages. Winner £20; second £8, third £3.

Mr. J. Hayes's Blackrock beat Mr. M. Riordan's Knock-an-sopoch.

Mr. J. Fenton's Newest Fashion beat Mr. M. J. Houlihan's Take Your Time.

Mr. P. Casey's Strideaway a bye, Mr. P. J. Scanlon's Irish Banner absent.

Mr. E. Kent's Twisted Answer beat Mr. D. Desmond's Southern.

Mr. J. O'Connor's Moon Queen beat Mr. M. Wade's Grangefield.

Mr. T. O'Mahony's Tangled Skein a bye.

II.

Newest Fashion beat Blackrock.
Strideaway beat Twisted Answer.
Moon Queen beat Tangled Skein.

III.

Newest Fashion beat Strideaway.
Moon Queen a bye.

IV.

Newest Fashion beat Moon Queen.

THE ABBEY STAKE—For 16 all-ages. Winner £20, second £8, two dogs £2 each.

Mr. D. J. Ryan's Brigand Bold beat Mr. R. Condon's Silent Knight.

Mr. J. O'Shea's Whistling Song beat Mr. J. Lombard's Dromore Duke.

Mr. P. J. Hegarty's General Doran beat Mr. E. P. Keane's Green Light.

Mr. W. McAuliffe's Ballyarra beat Mr. M. Coughlan's Winding Wave.

Mr. M. Sheehan's Briderview beat Mr. J. Forristal's Zepherine.

Mr. C. O'Brien's Olive Belle beat Mr. D. Twohill's Brown Park.

Mr. J. O'Neill's Lucy Snow beat Mr. O'Mahony's Soft Take.

Mr. W. O'Riordan's Winter Raven beat Mr. E. Drake's Mike's Picture.

II.

Brigand Bold beat Whistling Song.
General Doran beat Ballyarra.
Briderview beat Olive Belle.
Winter Raven beat Lucy Snow.

III.

General Doran beat Brigand Bold.
Winter Raven beat Briderview.

Winter Raven beat General Doran.

KILMANNOCK.

Judge—Mr. P. J. Meehan. Slipper—P. J. Kinnane.

TRIAL STAKES—For nine puppies. Winner, £14; second, £6; third, £3 10/-.

Mr. J. Butler's Glenthanda beat Mr. F. J. Murphy's Mixed Herbs.

Mr. L. Broadcaster beat Mr. J. Fleming's Donna Louise.

Mr. J. J. Cahill's High Spray beat Mr. J. Murphy's Mystical Lass.

Mr. J. Doyle's Charley's Mount beat Mr. J. Whitney's What I Did.

Mr. J. Power's Barry, a bye.

II.

Broadcaster beat Glenthanda.
High Spray beat Barty.
Charley's Mount a bye.

III.

Charley's Mount beat Broadcaster.
High Spray a bye.

IV.

Charley's Mount beat High Spray.

KILMANNOCK STAKES—For 16 all-ages. Winner, £17; second, £7; third, £3.

Mr. N. Hanlon's Prestpole beat Mr. J. Druhan's Don't Say.

Mr. E. Lyng's Lady Lismore beat Mr. T. Kinsella's Colonel.

Mr. E. Brennan's Buccaneer beat Mr. J. Delaney's King Richard.

Mr. Fleming's Full Tide a bye, Mr. L. Byrne's Honest Worker II. absent.

Mr. F. J. Murphy's Bingo Boy a bye.

II.

Lady Lismore beat Prestpole.
Buccaneer a bye.
Full Tide a bye.

III.

Full Tide a bye, Lady Lismore drawn.
Buccaneer a bye.

IV.

Full Tide beat Buccaneer.

CAMPILE (NO. 1) STAKES—For 16 all-ages (maidens). Winner, £30; second, £8; two dogs, £2 each.

Mr. P. Dalton's Dusty Calls beat Mr. J. Sutton's Fuse.

Mr. P. Fleming's Fra Benios beat Mr. J. Feelon's Mouling Hawk.

Mr. J. M'Grath's Light Horse beat Mr. J. Murphy's Miss M'Cann.

Mr. L. Byrne's Blue Bass beat Mr. R. Duggan's Holly Hawk.

Mr. J. Redmond's Quick Stride beat Mr. E. Brennan's Lowaxie.

Mr. M. Conway's Connagh Boy beat Mr. E. Lyng's Lady Kildare.

Mr. F. Larkin's Saucy Nell beat Mr. J. Stafford's Wharf of Wexford.

Mr. L. Larkin's Hunter's Heir beat Mr. C. Strong's Glen Graigue.

Stakes divided.

CAMPILE (NO. 2) STAKE—For eight all-ages (maidens). Winner, £11; second, £3.

Mr. J. Gaule's Lahessa's Call beat Mr. J. Redmond's Quick Shine.

Mr. J. Brennan's Ballyhoker Boy beat Mr. P. Whitty's Watch Out.

Mr. P. O'Keeffe's Rambling Ted beat Mr. T. Stafford's Fly Mick.

Mr. P. Walshe's Francis Joseph a bye; Mr. J. Gahan's Fellow Fellow absent.

Stakes divided.

LAWN TENNIS.

AUSTRALIAN LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the play in the Lawn Tennis Championship to-day for the Doubles Championship, J. B. Hawkes and J. D. McInnes beat Rainey and Hawthorn, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

BILLIARDS.

SMITH v. NEWMAN.

Smith drew to within 66 of the champion in the afternoon session of their billiards match at Manchester yesterday, aggregating 816 against Newman's 630. The latter player was in good form at the beginning of the session, converting his unfinished 50 into 356. Smith, however, had the better of the subsequent play, making twenty-five of 97, 180 and 201 unfinished. Newman's additional runs were 64 and 161. Interval scores :—Newman, 4,639; Smith (in play), 4,571.

Playing perfectly at night, Smith finished the session with a lead of 110 points. His breaks were 237, 279, 116 and 250 unfinished, while Newman had runs of 121 and 531. Closing scores :—Smith (in play), 5,334; Newman, 5,224.

COMMERCIAL ENGLISH.

CALL FOR PURITY OF LANGUAGE.

"Commerce has so abused the English language that a refining influence must be brought to bear without delay," said Mr. Percy A. Best, Managing Director of Messrs. Schoolbreds, in an address at Stationers' Hall.

The occasion was a meeting of the London Master Printers' Association summoned to discuss a scheme for a national campaign of effective advertising which would maintain the dignity of the printers' art and widen its services to commerce.

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THE SALONIKA ARMY.

MEMORIAL TO FALLEN MEN.

The memorial to the men of the Salonika Army who died during the war, which has been erected on Colonial Hill, is to be unveiled on Easter Day, April 12th next.

It is proposed to organise a trip to the Near East, so that relatives and friends of the fallen may take part in the ceremony, and those who intend making the journey should send their names as soon as possible to Major Bell, the Honorary Secretary, at 13 Regent street, London, W., who will give all particulars.

The proposed date for leaving London is April 6th, and the projected visit can be undertaken if 140 persons participate. The inclusive cost, first-class by rail and steamer, and first-class in the steamer, would not exceed £35.

Visits to cemeteries in various parts of the country round Salonika are also being arranged for, and Mudros will also be visited on the return journey to England.

RUGBY.

THE INTERNATIONAL.

AN IRISH VICTORY.

FORWARDS TURN THE SCALE.

IRELAND	9 Points.
FRANCE	3 Points.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Thursday.

At the Colombes Stadium this afternoon Ireland defeated France by one penalty goal and two tries to one try. It was a perfect day for the match, and everything was in favour of a first-class game, but by no stretch of imagination could it be claimed that the football was at all interesting.

The French started off in great style with lively forward and back play, and early in the game they got a well-deserved try after they had lost Piteu, their scrum half, who had to retire five minutes after the start. Brioussa deputised for him behind the scrimmage, and sent Ribere in for a try, which was not converted. Throughout the first half the Irishmen were kept penned inside their own ground. All the Irish backs and forwards played in very indifferent style, and the play altogether was scrappy and uninteresting. After some time Piteu came back, and resumed his position as scrum half, but in the meanwhile Borde was injured seriously, and was off for the remainder of the match.

There were few redeeming features in the Irishmen's game in the first half. They seemed to take a longer time to find their land legs than they had taken to find their sea legs on the crossing from Folkestone to Boulogne. Added to this were the rough and unfair tactics of many of the Frenchmen, and the unsportmanlike attitude of the crowd towards the referee and the Irish team.

After the French score, Ireland had a couple of chances of drawing level, but Crawford was unlucky on both occasions—first in just missing the crossbar and landing a penalty goal, and on the other in being whistled back after having crossed the French line. This effort was typical of the Irish captain. He followed up his own kick, and, after dribbling along, grounded the ball behind the line, but previous to this the referee had given a free kick, which deprived Crawford of his score. During the last ten minutes of the first half, however, the Irishmen began to assert themselves, and a characteristic move, in which Collis, Clinch, Gray, and Sugden were prominent, brought the play at last to the Frenchmen's territory.

FROM REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Thursday.

The International Rugby match between France and Ireland was played this afternoon at the Colombes Stadium, and resulted in a win for Ireland by 9 points to 3—a penalty goal and 2 tries to a try. The weather was fine, but cold, and about 25,000 spectators watched the game.

Play started shortly before 2.30, Ireland kicking off. Four minutes from the start Piteu, the French scrum half, was hurt through a kick in the face and had to leave the field. Soon after the re-start Biousna got the ball from a scrum and passed to Ribere, who dashed across the Irish line for a try; the place kick, however, was not successful. Following a good dribble by the Irish forwards, Ireland was given a penalty near the French 25. Crawford took the kick, and failed to score. A little later Borde got possession, and started a good run. When tackled he passed to Jaurreguy, who, however, fumbled the ball when he was tackled and hurt his arm, and had to leave the field, the French team thus becoming two men short.

STERLING IRISH DEFENCE.

Piteu, however, returned after a few minutes, and play for the next quarter of an hour was entirely in Irish territory, the Frenchmen pressing keenly, while the Irishmen fumbled their passes and looked quite short. Crawford also relieved. He followed up his own kick, and looked like running in, but offside was given. The ball again came dangerously near the Irish line, but the Irish forwards then started a splendid dribble right down the field. The Irish XV. were now showing more dash, though they failed to score before half-time was reached. At the interval the score was :—

France—3 points.
Ireland—Nil.

The game re-started at a quarter past three, and from the outset the Irish began to attack. A useful run by the Irish three-quarters failed to come to anything. H. W. Stephenson made a pass from his brother. A free kick was then awarded to Ireland for obstruction, which Crawford missed at the first attempt. The Frenchmen had, however, charged down the ball and the referee consequently ordered the kick to be taken again. This time Crawford was successful, and sent the ball beautifully between the posts from beyond the "25," bringing the score up to 5 points all. The referee's decision did not please the crowd, who showed strong disapproval.

THE IRISH PACK.

Although off colour at the start of the game the Irish XV. were now playing in much better form. They continued to have the better of the play, the Frenchmen being unable to check the hard dribbling of the Irish forwards. Fifteen minutes before time Ireland was a combined movement between T. Hewitt and Gardiner, which enabled the latter to get across. G. V. Stephenson took the kick, but failed to convert. A few minutes later R. Hewitt had a good run, and Mr. F. Stephenson gained possession to cross the line far out. The place kick was an almost impossible one, and Crawford failed to add the extra points. A desperate last minute effort was made by the French XV., but, hard as they tried, they were unable to add to their score, and the final whistle went with Ireland leading by 6 points.

The play, though hard and keen throughout, never reached a high level. Ireland started the Irish XV. were clearly suffering from the effect of a long and trying journey. Their backs failed to combine, and the side as a whole lacked their usual dash, but they improved as they warmed up. Towards the end of the first half they secured a distinct mastery over the French, which they maintained until the finish. In the second half the Irish forwards used their forceful methods to advantage, and it was their constant pressure that turned the scale. The ground was not heavy, but both the three-quarter lines shone in defence rather than in attack. There was plenty of fine tackling, as Jaurreguy, the French right wing, who was admirably marked by the brothers Stephenson, found to his cost. The French side were considerably handicapped by the injury to Borde, who was hurt early in the game, and was unable to return. Mr. MacGill's refereeing was strict, but thoroughly impartial, and the booing of the crowd was a regrettable feature

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LADY, I.G., can have Bedroom, use sittingroom, partial board, select house, Ranelagh.—D 1900, this office.

PROFESSIONAL and business gentlemen can have handsomely Furnished Combined Rooms, comfortable, clean and artistic; attendance; electric light, gas, telephone; very central, few minutes' walk from Nelson's Pillar.—D 1963, this office. 1 B

REFINED young lady can have select, comfortable Apartment, South side, 15/- weekly. Apply S. S., this office. 1 F

APARTMENTS TO LET, CONTINUED.

SITTINGROOM and Bedroom, suit two ladies dining out, with or without board; terms moderate; private house. Reply D 1735, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 29 E

TO Let, Flat, Unfurnished, every convenience; near Merrion square.—D 1850, this office. 30 D

TWO or Three Gentlemen can have Furnished Rooms, use of electric light, bath, North Circular road, near Park.—D 1952, this office. 31 A

UNFURNISHED, Self Contained Flat, three rooms, kitchenette, bath; garden.—47 Upper Mount street.

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14 UPPER Mount street—Flat, superior, Furnished; sittingroom, bedroom, kitchen, use bath. 30 F

19 LOWER Pembroke street—Single Room, with Board, full or partial. 29 E

19 OAKLEY road, Ranelagh—Furnished Apartments or Flat, with gas cooker. 31 A

23 ANNESLEY Park, Rathmines—Furnished Bedroom and Sittingroom; suit gentleman dining out. 31 A

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APARTMENTS WANTED.

GENTLEMAN requires Bed Sittingroom, Stephen's Green neighbourhood. Address "Z 247, Apartments," this office. 31 A

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LADY requires Select Board Residence, or Private Hotel might suit; central.—D 1969, this office. 31 A

NORTH Circular road, near Phoenix Park—Wanted, good Unfurnished Flat (4 or 5 rooms), rent about £100 per annum. Replies to Dockrell Limited, Agents, South Great George's street. 31 F

REQUIRED 1st March, Unfurnished Flat, three or four rooms, kitchen, bath, garden; advantage Pembroke, Fitzwilliam vicinities; only replies stating rent considered.—D 1918, this office. 31 E

RATHFARNHAM, Dundrum, or Rathgar—Wanted, clean, comfortable Apartments, Furnished or Unfurnished, or small House, family of four.—Kent, c/o Hazelbrook Dairy, Rathfarnham. 1 B

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HOUSES TO LET AND WANTED.

AT Dalkey—Attractive House to Let, rent £68 and taxes (about £22); 2 reception, 4 bedrooms, maid's room, hot bath, good garden. Seen by appointment with Dockrell Limited, South Great George's street. 30 E

BLACKROCK—Advertisements for "Irish Times" received at 41 Main street up to 3.30 p.m. for following day's Paper. T

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GREYSTONES—Furnished Houses to Let till June, or longer.—Jepps, House Agent. 1 B

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TO Let, Furnished, Sittingroom, one or two Bedrooms, kitchen, bath; terms moderate. Apply 19, Wellington terrace, Blackrock.

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BEAUTIFUL Clegg Darracq Landaulette for Sale, £225.—Brady, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin; 'phone 19.

CITROEN De Luxe, English body, 2 seater, 1924, as new, £250; Bedford Buick six cylinder 2 Seater, dynamo and starter, grand order, £85; Morris Oxford 2 Seater, good condition, £75; Ford 1920 5 Seater, £45; Ford 1922 5 Seater, £55; Ford 1921 2 Seater, £35; Kingsbury Junior 2 Seater Sports, £35; Swift 2 Seater, £30; Alldays Enfield 2 Seater, £20. Trials and particulars.—Fitzgerald's, 128 Stephen's Green. 30 F

CHEVROLET 5 Seater Touring Car for Sale, electric lighting, etc., new tyres, perfect condition, any trial, £80. Seen any time, Jackson, 21 Mountjoy square. 31 A

CHEVROLET 4 Seater, purchased October, 1923; splendid order; reasonable offer accepted. Seen Archer's Garage, Wentworth place. 31 A

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FOR all Motor Body Work and Painting—The City Wheel and Carriage Works, Ltd., Great Brunswick street, Dublin. 10 X

FOR Sale, 1924 Two Seater Chevrolet; in perfect order; what offers?—D 1743, this office. 29 E

FORD Tourer, 1923, self starter, private; guaranteed, £97, nearest.—D 1784, this office. 29 E

FOR Sale, Sunbeam 5 Seater Motor Car, in perfect order, moderate price; can be seen any day.—Breen's, 47 Hollybank road, Drumcondra. 30 F

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FOR Sale, 1923 Morris Cowley Two Seater, just run in; electric lighting, starting, balloon tyres, etc.; owner leaving country; offers; seen Dublin any time.—D 1988, this office. 31 A

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MORRIS Cowley 4 Seater, new 1st June, 1924, in perfect order and condition, has only done 5,000 miles, engine now decarbonised; cost £279 10/-; insured to 31st May; price £200. Seen at Brittain's Garage, Hatch street.

MORRIS Cowley 4 Seater, purchased June, almost new, Sell £180. Seen by appointment, Archer's Garage, Wentworth place, or 4 Upper O'Connell street. 31 A

OAKLAND late 1923 six cylinder 5 Seater, double delivery; guaranteed mechanically perfect; cost £650; accept £170 immediate purchaser.—Fitzgerald, 128 Stephen's Green. 30 F

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WOLSELEY 10 two Seater for Sale, perfect condition, self starter; £200; no offers.—D 1752, this office. 29 E

WOLSELEY 10 h.p. Two Seater De Luxe Motor Car, with Dickey seat, for Sale; privately owned and driven; in perfect order, subject to any trial or test; price £175; can be seen by appointment in Dublin.—D 1850, this office. 30 A

2-3 SEATER Car, reliable make, shop soiled, never driven; reduced considerably.—M. and J. Dawson, Maynooth. 30 F

4 SEATER handsome English Touring Car left Archer's, Wentworth place, for Sale, cheap; owner having Saloon. 31 A

12-14 H.P. Renault, make ideal street taxi. Seen Chester Dairy, Chester road, Ranelagh. 31 A

1922 4/5 Seater Ford Touring Car, £43.—D 1785, this office. 29 E

1923 FORD Tourer, Bosch magneto, Michelin disc wheels, speedometer; perfect condition owner driven, any trial; £90 or nearest offer.—D 1838, this office. 30 F

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A1 NEW 1925 Models—Sunbeams, New Imperials, P. and M., including the famous Panther and Panther Cub Models. Some bargains in 1924 Models. Inspection invited.—Wayte Bros., Ltd., Lemon street, Grafton street. T

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FORD, 1 Ton, 1923, Van for Sale, sixteen months in use, for city deliveries only; perfect condition; seen by appointment; best offer.—D 1876, this office. 30 F

FORD Ton Truck, good order, £45.—Fitzgerald, 128 Stephen's Green. 30 F

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FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.

WAR OFFICE, December 30, 1924.

REGULAR FORCES.

The undermentioned appointment is made:—Brigade Major—Bt. Lieutenant-Colonel G. G. Waterhouse, M.C., R.E.

Royal Regiment of Artillery—Major H. E. Henderson, D.S.O., retires on retired pay. The undermentioned Captains are restored to the establishment:—M. E. Moir, D.S.O.; A. E. Salmon.

FOOT GUARDS.

Grenadier Guards—Captain Sir G. H. J. Duckworth-King, Bart., retires, receiving a gratuity. Lieutenant C. R. Goss to Captain.

Scots Guards—Lieutenant B. Mayfield to Adjutant.

INFANTRY.

Lieutenant R. H. Hamill-Stewart resigns his commission, and retains the rank of Lieutenant.

Welch Regiment—Captain and Bt. Major C. A. S. Carleton, D.S.O., is restored to the establishment. Captain L. H. T. Walker, M.C., retires, receiving a gratuity.

Royal Army Service Corps—Captain C. Le B. Goldney, M.C., relinquishes the appointment of Adjutant. Captain H. G. J. Deubeny to be Adjutant.

Royal Army Medical Corps—Major W. D. C. Kelly, D.S.O., M.B., to Lieut.-Colonel, to complete establishment. Major S. McK. Saunders retires on retired pay. Captain (now Major) W. H. O'Riordan, M.C., to Acting Major. Captain H. S. Griffith retires, receiving a gratuity.

Royal Army Pay Corps—Lieutenant (on probation) F. O'Driscoll, R.A., to be Lieutenant and Paymaster.

Experimental Establishment, Shoeburyness—Experimental Officer—Lieutenant K. S. Bellamy, R.A., relinquishes his appointment.

The undermentioned promotions are made:—Captain G. B. Hanna, Indian Medical Service, to be Acting Major whilst holding an appointment with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. Lieutenant (temporary Captain) H. A. D. Mackay, Hampshire Regiment, relinquishes his temporary rank on ceasing to be employed with the King's African Rifles. Lieutenant (temporary Captain) W. M. Harrington, M.C., M.M., Cameronians, relinquishes his temporary rank on ceasing to be employed with the West African Frontier Force.

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GEOLOGICAL RAMBLES.

WHEN DUBLIN WAS LIKE GREENLAND.

That Dublin was once under a gigantic sheet of ice over a thousand feet thick, like modern Greenland, was proved by abundant evidence which anyone could verify in the course of a Saturday afternoon walk, said Mr. Louis Bouvier Smyth, M.A., Sc.B., on Monday, in his lecture on Geological Rambles Around Dublin, the first of a series of afternoon lectures adapted to a juvenile auditory, and arranged by the Royal Dublin Society to be delivered in the Royal College of Surgeons, St. Stephen's Green.

Mr. Smyth commenced his lecture by explaining to his audience what geology was, and telling them about limestone, with which, he said, North County Dublin was largely covered. Limestone was the hardened sediment of the seas of the carboniferous, or coal period, and was to be found in the form of quarries, examples of which were amongst the numerous illustrations thrown on the screen during his address. Limestone was composed of fragmented shells. A beach of seas of the carboniferous period, cemented into solid rock might be seen near Skerries. At Loughshinny limestone beds were seen to be crumpled by enormous earth pressures.

All the fossils found in the County Dublin limestone were different from any animals existing at the present day. North County Dublin must have been covered by the sea at the time that limestone was formed, for not only near the coast, but far inland; for instance, at Salmon Leap, they had limestone rocks exposed.

Going back to an earlier period—the age of fire, the lecturer dealt with sandstone, and mentioned that volcanic ash and lava at Portrane and Lambay showed that there was once a volcano in the neighbourhood of Lambay, probably further out at sea, and this volcano must have been submarine. The lava of this volcano formed a beautiful green rock now quarried near Donabate for road metal.

In South County Dublin the granite was once a liquid lava forced up in a huge plug under a cover of sedimentary rocks. After cooling, the overlying beds were eaten away by the weather, revealing the granite and forming the hills of Dublin and Wicklow. Metals emanating in solution from the cooling mass had been mined along its margin at Killiney and Ballycorus.

Having dealt with underground heat, the lecturer entertained his hearers by his talk about overground cold. The origin of boulder clay was revealed by studies in Switzerland, Greenland and other places, he explained, which showed that ice had been at work. The ice, which must have deposited boulder clay in Dublin, travelled from the North, met the Dublin mountains, and divided. It was deflected towards the sea, across Killiney, and continued down the coast southwards. The evidence for the presence of ice, perhaps over a thousand feet thick, over Dublin was found in the boulder clay, rounded and scratched rocks, the overflow channels or ice-damed lakes and the boulders which were transported and carried high on the hills.

There was a very large attendance at the lecture.

THIRTY THOUSAND INVENTIONS.

SIGNS OF BETTER TRADE.

The year's record of H.M. Patent Office, a reliable guide to the hopes and fears of industry, gives a promising indication of better trade ahead.

Patent applications totalled over 30,000 during the past twelve months. While this figure is 1,000 less than that for 1923, the latter period showed a decrease of over 3,000 compared with 1922. Most significant, however, is the fact that it was during the latter part of the year just ending that renewed activity was most notable.

Mr. George H. Rayner, the London Patent Agent, of Chancery lane, states that wireless developments still hold pride of place in the records, and the new inventions have secured not only superior results, but also reduction in the price of apparatus. Depression in engineering and shipbuilding have influenced patents in these industries; but, on the other hand, inventive genius in the motor industry has undoubtedly resulted in an all-British car which can face the world's competition. There have been many clever domestic patents, a considerable number of them from women who realise that real household improvements are sure of recognition.

Mr. Rayner confidently anticipates in the coming year a substantial increase in British patents. Many inventions are expected relating to housing problems, both in construction and new materials. The importance of trade marks to identify British and Colonial merchandise will be emphasised and encouraged by the Safeguarding of Industries Acts.

THE IMPATIENT JUDGE.

Mr. A. L. Y. Morley, Torquay, in a letter to *The Times*, recalls a story told by the late Lord Brampton, better known to old Victorians as Sir Henry Hawkins, K.C.

The scene was the court presided over by Baron Alderson, a well-known judge in those days, whose daughter married Lord Salisbury. The baron was a most punctual judge, and nothing irritated him more than his Court's being kept waiting.

An important case was on for hearing, and all concerned were present to the minute except a certain K.C. of "vast proportions." Baron Alderson was getting very angry at being kept waiting, and kept on tapping on his desk with his pencil.

At last the door of the court opened, and the foreground of the body of the offending K.C. of "vast proportions" appeared.

Out rapped the angry judge at once: "Here comes the belligerent," with a marked and deep accent on the first two syllables of the word!

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